

2 July 2020

Your reference: 1920-1818

## Information Request

We refer to your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment of 28 June 2020 requesting the following:

*Please confirm whether or not the name "CHE MAXWELL" or any derivative in similar likeness or style thereof is listed or registered as an intellectual property held by any person(s), agency(s) or departments(s), within and outside NEW ZEALAND.*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 ("OIA").

We note that a number of existing intellectual property cases are listed or registered with IPONZ that may be construed as a derivative in similar likeness or style as the name "CHE MAXWELL".

The degree to which these cases are similar to "CHE MAXWELL" may depend on individual perception. For further details on these cases, we recommend that you perform a search of the public intellectual property registers on our website, <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/>.

We note that IPONZ's jurisdiction is limited to intellectual property that is filed and registered within New Zealand. We are therefore not able to advise as to whether or not a given name is listed or registered as an intellectual property outside New Zealand.

Yours sincerely

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For the Commissioner of Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Plant Variety Rights