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The Trans-Tasman Relationship: A New Zealand **Perspective**

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ABSTRACT

New Zealand's relationship with Australia stems from a common heritage and values that lead us to see the world in a similar way. Our two nations are uniquely close due to geography and a shared history. However, this paper considers the proposition: are New Zealand and Australia

moving closer together or drifting apart? The paper argues that, in a globalising world, it makes sense for the two countries to work closely together and combine their efforts to promote our shared economic, defence and regional interests. Specifically, it maintains that economic integration