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I request that the inquiry investigates how Technology and Future of Work will impact women in particular.

My understanding is that Women's relative absence from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) fields which are set to accelerate, combined with their predominance in fields such as administration and retail, which are set to decline, means that the economic consequences of the fourth industrial revolution will be particularly challenging for women.

My organisation, GirlBoss New Zealand (www.girlboss.nz), is placing gender on the agenda of New Zealand's future of work conversation. Our focus is to look at the uneven impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution on women and in particular, Maori and Pasifika women. Currently only 3% of 15-year-old girls in NZ are interested in technology and at GirlBoss NZ, we are determined to change that.

We work with 10,500 high-school aged young women. By end 2019, 100 Schools will have implemented our Changemakeher Future of Work Programme. To ensure we can prove the importance of our work we need New Zealand based research from a reliable source such as the New Zealand Productivity Commission. *Please ensure that women and girls are not forgotten in this inquiry.*

I have worked with Schools across New Zealand and thousands of high school aged youth. I have had hundreds of conversations around technology and The Future of Work. If there is anyway I can support this inquiry please get in touch.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexia Hilbertidou". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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