"The Antipodes variant 15", an alternative New Zealand national flag design (with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)

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