

**Input methodologies review – Notification email for the release of the decisions package –  
20 December 2016**

Good morning

Today we have published the following papers reflecting our decisions on the IM review:

**Overarching papers**

- Summary paper
- Introduction and process paper
- Framework for the IM review
- Report on the IM review

**Topic papers**

- Topic paper 1: Form of control and RAB indexation for EDBs, GPBs and Transpower
- Topic paper 2: CPP requirements
- Topic paper 3: The future impact of emerging technologies in the energy sector
- Topic paper 4: Cost of capital issues
- Topic paper 5: Airports profitability assessment
- Topic paper 6: WACC percentile for airports

**Amendments determinations**

- *Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2016 [2016] NZCC 24*
- *Gas Distribution Services Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2016 [2016] NZCC 25*
- *Gas Transmission Services Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2016 [2016] NZCC 26*
- *Transpower Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2016 [2016] NZCC 27*
- *Airport Services Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2016 [2016] NZCC 28*
- *Airport Services Information Disclosure Amendments Determination 2016 [2016] NZCC 29*

These papers are now available on our website at: <http://www.comcom.govt.nz/input-methodologies-review/>

## Other items released today

Today we have also published on our website:

- Consolidated versions of the airports IM and ID determinations that incorporate today's amendments. We will publish consolidated versions of the IM determinations for EDBs, GTBs and Transpower in Q1 2017
- The slides from this morning's analyst briefing presentation
- WACC calculation spreadsheet for IM Review
- Excel versions of:
  - Schedules 18–20 & 24 of the amended airports information disclosure determination – Pricing templates
  - Schedules 1–17 of the amended airports information disclosure determination – Annual templates
  - Schedules B, C and E of the amended electricity distribution services input methodologies determination
- A letter from the Commission to the ENA in response to the ENA's letter of October 2016 regarding live regarding live line work
- Dr Lally's expert advice "Review of further WACC submissions" (report to the Commerce Commission, 23 November 2016)

## Navigating our decisions documents

The table below notes particular documents that may be of interest to certain stakeholder groups. The Introduction and process paper explains in more detail how our decisions documents fit together.

Stakeholder group	Document
Executives and consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary paper</li> </ul>
Regulatory managers and analysts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The topic papers</li> <li>• The Report on the IM review</li> </ul>
Market analysts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyst briefing slides</li> <li>• Summary paper</li> <li>• Topic paper 4: Cost of capital issues</li> </ul>
Those interested in the process and approach we have followed in reaching our decisions, and the next steps for areas we have not yet reached decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and process paper</li> <li>• Framework for the IM review</li> </ul>

**We will no longer publish a separate WACC estimate for the purpose of customised price-quality paths**

One of today's decisions is to no longer publish a separate WACC estimate for the purpose of customised price-quality paths (see Topic paper 4: Cost of capital issues). As such, we will not be publishing a CPP WACC estimate on 23 December 2016 as would have previously been the case.

**Gas DPP reset decision**

We intend to publish our draft decision on the default price-quality path reset for gas pipelines on Friday 10 February 2017. We then plan to publish our final decision on 31 May 2017. The price-paths we set at that time will apply the IMs as amended by today's decisions on the IM review.

Kind regards,

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