

Notice of Intention

27 March 2025

Amended and reissued on 23 September 2026

Fibre Input Methodologies Review 2027

1. The Commerce Commission gives notice under section 179 of the Telecommunications Act 2001 (**Act**) that it intends to begin work on potential amendments to the Fibre Input Methodologies Determination 2020 [2020] NZCC 21 (**Fibre IMs**).
2. In accordance with section 179 of the Act, this notice outlines the Commission's proposed process and indicative timeframes for its review of the input methodologies under Part 6 of the Act, in accordance with section 182 of the Act.
3. As part of the review, we will review our cost of capital IMs for Fibre.
4. A consolidated version of the Fibre IMs is available on the Commission's website.¹

Proposed process and timeframes

5. Section 182 of the Act requires the Commission to review each input methodology at least every 7 years. The Fibre IMs were first published on 13 October 2020, which means the statutory timeframe for completing the Fibre IM Review expires on 13 October 2027.
6. However, we plan to process the Fibre IM Review in two tranches:
 - 6.1 Tranche 1: review of the input methodologies required for Chorus to prepare for submitting its PQP3 proposal; and
 - 6.2 Tranche 2: review of the remaining input methodologies by 13 October 2027.

	Process	Indicative timeframe
1.	Paper issued – Notice of Intention	March 2025
2.	Paper issued – Open letter to stakeholders	March 2025
3.	Paper issued – Issues paper on tranche 1 issues	Q3 2025

¹ The consolidated version of the Fibre IMs is not an official version and is provided for reference and convenience only. The official versions of the principal determination and all subsequent amendments are available on our website: <https://comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/input-methodologies/input-methodologies-for-fibre> or for inspection at our Wellington or Auckland offices during business hours.

	Process	Indicative timeframe
4.	Paper issued – Draft Fibre IM Review framework	Q3 2025
5.	Paper issued – Fibre IM Review framework	Q1 2026
6.	Paper issued – Draft decision package for tranche 1	Q1 2026
7.	Paper issued – Issues paper on tranche 2 issues	Q2 2026
8.	Paper issued – Final decision on tranche 1 for fibre IMs	Q3 2026
9.	Final decision – Common cost of capital including some cost of debt matters	Q4 2026
10.	Further draft decision – Remaining cost of debt matters	Q4 2026
11.	Draft decision on tranche 2 issues	Q1 2027
12.	Final decision – Remaining cost of debt matters	Q3 2027
13.	Final decision – Tranche 2 issues	October 2027

Next steps

- The Commission will provide documents as they are published and regular updates on the Fibre IM Review process on our website:
<https://www.comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/fibre/projects/fibre-input-methodologies-review-2027/>