

Commerce Commission - Notice that Orion New Zealand's CPP application has been accepted as complete and IM compliant

5 August 2026

Tēnā koutou

Orion New Zealand has applied to the Commission for approval of a customised price-quality path (CPP) that would allow it to spend up to \$1.51 billion over the next five years to maintain current service levels and meet future needs on its Central Waitaha Canterbury network.

Formal notice that Orion's CPP application is complete

As a preliminary step in our consideration of Orion's application, we must determine whether it complies with our input methodologies relating to the process for, and content of, CPP proposals (i.e. it is a complete application). The Commission determined on 5 August 2026 that Orion's CPP application meets these requirements and gives this notice under section 53T(1)(a) of the Commerce Act 1986 that Orion's CPP proposal is now under consideration by the Commission.

How you can review Orion's CPP application

We received Orion's CPP application on 9 June 2026 and it was published on our website on 15 July 2026. You can access the application [here](#).

Consultation on the Commission's Process and Issues Paper

We are currently seeking your feedback on our [Process and Issues Paper](#). This sets out the process we intend to take to assess Orion's application, and the key issues that we think merit consideration on Orion's CPP proposal. As well as feedback on our key issues, you are also welcome to provide your comments on Orion's proposal. Submissions on our paper and the proposal will close on 26 August 2026.

Next steps

We expect to publish our draft decision on Orion's CPP proposal in November 2026, at which point we will seek further feedback from stakeholders. We then intend to publish our final decision in March 2027.

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