

# **Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology (Major Capex Incentive Formula) Amendment Determination 2026**

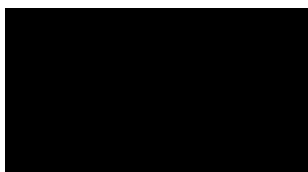
**[2026] NZCC 9**

**The Commission:**

Nathan Strong  
Dr John Small  
Bryan Chapple  
Dr Derek Johnston

**Date of decision:**

28 April 2026



Nathan Strong, Associate Commissioner  
Dated at Wellington this 23 of April 2026  
COMMERCE COMMISSION  
Wellington, New Zealand

<b>Determination history</b>		
<b>Determination date</b>	<b>Decision number</b>	<b>Determination name</b>
31 January 2012	[2012] NZCC 2	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology Determination
2 February 2012	n/a	Error correction: repaired reference links in clause D1(2)(b)
28 August 2014	[2014] NZCC 22	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2014
27 November 2014	[2014] NZCC 34	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2014 (No. 2)
5 February 2015	[2015] NZCC 3	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendment Determination 2015
25 May 2018	[2018] NZCC 8	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology Amendments Determination 2018
28 August 2019	[2019] NZCC 11	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology Amendments Determination 2019
13 November 2019	[2019] NZCC 17	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology Amendments Determination (No. 2) 2019
13 December 2023	[2023] NZCC 39	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology (IM Review) Amendment Determination 2023
11 December 2024	[2024] NZCC 40	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology (treatment of insurance entitlements) Amendment Determination 2024
28 April 2026	[2026] NZCC 9	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology (Major Capex Incentive Formula) Amendment Determination 2026

\* A complete history of determinations relevant to the input methodologies applicable to Transpower is available on the Commission's website.

Under section 52P of the Commerce Act 1986 (**Act**), the Commerce Commission makes the following determination:

**1. TITLE**

1.1 This determination is the Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology (Major Capex Incentive Formula) Amendment Determination 2026.

**2. DETERMINATION AMENDED**

2.1 This determination amends the Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology Determination [2012] NZCC 2 (**principal determination**).

**3. COMMENCEMENT**

3.1 This determination comes into force on 23 April 2026.

**4. PRINCIPAL DETERMINATION AMENDMENT**

4.1 Replace clause B3(2)(b) of Schedule B of the principal determination with:

...

(b) equal to or more than the lesser of the **project's P30** and the **major capex allowance** less **exempt major capex**.

4.2 Replace terms 'c' and 'd' of clause B3(3) of Schedule B of the principal determination with:

...

<i>c</i>	amount of <b>capital expenditure</b> for the <b>approved major capex project</b>	<b>major capex</b> information required by an <b>ID determination</b> or a s <b>53ZD notice</b>
<i>d</i>	(a) if <i>c</i> is greater than the <b>project's P70</b> , then <i>d</i> is the <b>P70</b> ;  (b) if the <b>project's major capex allowance</b> minus <b>exempt major capex</b> is greater than the <b>project's P30</b> , and <i>c</i> is less than the <b>project's P30</b> , then <i>d</i> is the <b>P30</b> ; or  (c) if the <b>project's major capex allowance</b> minus <b>exempt major</b>	in accordance with clause 3.3.5(7)

**capex** is less than  
the **project's P30**,  
and  $c$  is less than  
**major capex**  
**allowance** minus  
**exempt major**  
**capex**, then  $d$  is the  
**major capex**  
**allowance** minus the  
**exempt major capex**

## Explanatory note

This note is not part of the determination but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This determination amends the Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology Determination [2012] NZCC 2. The determination amends the major capex incentive rate formula to give effect to the incentive deadband introduced in the Part 4 Input Methodologies Review 2023.

The amendment determination is secondary legislation made under section 52W of the Act.

Title	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology (Major Capex Incentive Formula) Amendment Determination 2026
Principal or amendment	Amendment
Consolidated version	No
Empowering Act and provisions	Commerce Act 1986 Section 52W
Replacement empowering Act and provisions	Not applicable
Maker name	Commerce Commission
Administering agency	Commerce Commission
Date made	23 April 2026
Publication date	28 April 2026
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Commencement date	29 April 2026
End date (when applicable)	Not applicable
Consolidation as at date	Not applicable
Related instruments	Transpower Capital Expenditure Input Methodology Determination [2012] NZCC 2