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Tēnā koutou,

Fibre Deregulation Reviews – Process Update

I am writing to confirm that we have commenced the deregulation reviews resulting from our fibre fixed line access services (FFLAS) reasonable grounds assessment last year.¹

This letter sets out the process we will follow and an indicative timeline for each of these reviews.

Context for the Fibre Deregulation Reviews

We will be conducting deregulation reviews of the following four services:

- **Voice services** and **Transport services** for all Local Fibre Companies (LFCs); and
- **Point-to-point services** and **Co-location and interconnected services** in Non-Chorus LFC areas.

These four services were identified as possible candidates for deregulation in our reasonable grounds assessment last year. We are aiming to make any recommendations to the Minister for Media and Communications before the start of PQP3.²

Process and timeline for the Fibre Deregulation Reviews

The four reviews will move forward in parallel, but on different timelines depending on the anticipated information requirements and complexity of each. We aim to have them all completed by December 2026.

We will approach the review process in a way that ensures that interested parties have the opportunity to participate at each stage of the process. Stakeholders will have opportunities to submit on our draft decisions and, where appropriate, we will provide an opportunity for cross-submissions.

¹ Commerce Commission “[Fibre fixed line access service deregulation review under s 210 of the Telecommunications Act – Reasonable grounds assessment final decision](#)” (19 December 2024).

² Commerce Commission “[Open letter on Fibre Input Methodologies Review](#)” (27 March 2025).

We are not proposing to release issues or emerging views papers at this stage, as we have a good initial understanding of the issues, following the FFLAS reasonable grounds assessment.

The following table details our indicative timeline for the four reviews. Detailed timings for each review will be communicated as we move through our process.

Indicative dates for the Fibre Deregulation Reviews

Milestone	Voice	Co-location and interconnection	Point to point	Transport
Information gathering	Q3 2025	Q3 2025	Q3 2025	Q3 2025
Draft recommendation	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q1 2026
Final recommendation	Q4 2025	Q2 2026	Q4 2026	Q3 2026

We will be contacting different stakeholders to discuss our information gathering processes, including draft information request notices and associated timings, as appropriate.

We look forward to engaging with our stakeholders through these reviews over the upcoming period.

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