Other submissions received

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Brian Choy	I am a KIWIBANK client since 2004, the NZ Taxpayer bank. Govt use taxes to open Govt. supermarkets, profits to taxpayers. Close some supermarkets too close to each other, Foodstuffs Wairau park, empty for a year after built, Countdown opposed it.	
Justine Bailey	Hi there, Foodstuffs category managers "reject" products without clear	
	proof or reasons. Commerce commission need to have dedicated hotline	
	to deal with this case otherwise these bulls are never going to stop. Regards, Justine	
John Nicole	Price control in grocery sector – submission.	
	A way needs to be found and legislation passed if necessary preventing	
	supermarkets and other grocery outlets from selling primary produce produced in NZ at "export prices".	
	It is utterly ridiculous that local consumers should have to pay for milk,	
	dairy products and meat, amongst other primary produce at these	
	inflated prices which the suppliers claim they achieve on the export	
	market. Even if they do, a minimum proportion of local production must	
	be set aside for the local market at prices more in line with what it cost	
	to produce and market locally. Examples of where fillet steak could be	
	purchased at 30 to 50% of the normally priced meat occurred during	
	Covid "lock-down" because the meat couldn't be exported. Why should	
	we have to pay so much for milk (twice what is paid in Britain or	
	Australia) when we produce so much of it?	

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Farah Liaqat	There is a countdown Pak n SAVE and New World near my house. I never	
	go the New World it is ridiculously out of price range. I used to be able to	
	get eggs from Pak n SAVE for \$7 now I pay \$10 for the same egg tray.	
	Local Countdown has increased the price of chocolate by \$2 this	
	chocolate is hardly ever on sale now. I would be able to get for \$5 before	
	but that is impossible. I eat a lot less now. Its winter season so the	
	mandarin and oranges usually have lower price but I don't eat them	
	anymore have to pay \$8/kg. the purchasing power has reduced, given	
	the economical situation 1 meal a day if what I do now. I wish food didn't	
	cost so much not when its home grown as labelled.	
Rosser Thornley	My submission is to support the introduction of a Code of Conduct in the	
	grocery industry that protects the rights of suppliers and provides legal	
	remedies where these rights are breached - thank you for providing this	
	opportunity to submit to this review.	
Anonymous Y	I don't like it. How am I supposed to expect that the groceries I purchase	
	to be fairly priced when it appears all the supermarkets have the same	
	prices? Especially in regards to fresh produce, the prices are absolutely	
	ridiculous whilst the suppliers get paid next to nothing.	

Anonymous Z

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Sender:

To: Commerce Commission New Zealand

To Whom it May Concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I humbly apologise for my ignorance in how to entitle/compile/write my submission towards this very important matter. But this, none-the-less is my voice, and I need to be heard.

I am struggling. Currently there is only myself and my adult daughter in my household. Prior to 'Covid' we spent about \$130-\$140 per week for all household essentials: Human/pet foods, cleaning + personal products. Due to our circumstances we have no choice but to do all our shopping in one particular store, which is our local Countdown Store. I LOVE our store workers, they do their best with the situations they are given to work with and they are not responsible for the hikes of prices.

I have seen the gradual incline on a monthly basis of the prices sneaking up under the guises of 'specials'... and ever since the Ministry has said they were going to look into the matter, the prices have been going up more rapidly and more readily than before!

EVERY WEEK there is at least a handful of products that I buy where the prices HAVE gone up by 20, 30 & 50c and they stick a 'Great Price' special label on it!

I am a habitual buyer of specific products and food items due to the very limited amount of finance I have, so I notice these things greatly due to the fact that it affects what we can or cannot eat. I buy specials constantly. Always looking for the bargains/deals. I will even buy the end dated fruit/vegetables/bagged salads because I can afford them and not the fresh! We eat old foods including breads that really, in all honesty, we shouldn't have too. Meat... Its a treat if we get schnitzel. No chops/steak/roast/casserole for us. We buy the cheapest

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	breads/cereals/cans/coffee we can. A 3Ltr milk has to last the week for	
	everything. Nothing fancy unless its on specials! We are now spending	
	\$170- \$180 a week!	
	Last week was the last straw!	
	To see the cheapest brands of women's hygiene products, that our	
	government fought to have drop in price to make more accessible for	
	those whom needed them, rise in price by 30c	
	I cannot bear it no more. It breaks my heart to see that we and the many	
	others that are in a similar position to us having to relentlessly suffer!	
	Growing up, there was always red meat on the table. Fresh fish, fresh	
	fruit and veggie. A roast chook was a real treat! 5 short years ago it was	
	the other way around with Chicken being the cheaper product and red	
	meat being the treat (yet still affordable) Now, NONE are affordable!	
	PLEASE, STOP the Madness of these price hikes! When we see the stores	
	selling items for a really great special, we know they are still making a	
	profit on that item no matter what (as NO store would sell an item	
	without making a profit) and then to leap the price up by up to \$2 and	
	stick a 'Great Price' ticket on it is despicable.	
	As long as they get what they want, WE can't get what we even NEED!	
	PLEASE Don't fail us!	
	Regards,	
Anonymous AA	I want to say that I think there is a bit of price fixing going on. I would like	
	it if we nationalised the supermarkets, but breaking the duopoly would	
	be better than nothing. Cheers!	

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Anonymous BB	Price of living in New Zealand is very high and I don't think we necessarily get bang for our buck in our essential spending. If the duopoly of supermarket chains in New Zealand is contributing to this, then I'm all for it being addressed - I assume by adding additional competition?	Search Groceries Search Groceries \$0.00 Mainland Cheese Block Tasty Aged for up to 12 months this is one of new zealand's favourite award-winning cheeses. Mainland tasty cheese doesn't last long in your fridge, because of its beloved crumbly texture. Mainland tasty is a firm aged cheddar, matured for a full-bodied flavour. Can also be used in cooking. 1kg \$18.20 Ask Olive
Anonymous CC	Yes we want kiwishop! Sustainable packaging and groceries for kiwi, healthy, value and good for us business model. Not just for for wealthy shareholders.	Delisio Delisi

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Anonymous DD	Mainland Tasty cheese 1kg	
	I recently purchased a 1KG block of Mainland tasty cheese in Spudshed in	
	Butler Western Australia for \$10 that same block in Auckland is \$17 on a	
	good day but normally around \$20.	
Anonymous EE	I answered the survey on-line (at [WITHHELD]@snap.net.nz) and would	
	like to add to my submission:	
	I also am troubled by the supermarkets' habit of changing prices on the	
	same item very often.	
	Doing so means the consumer has only a vague idea of what price to	
	expect, and, doing so obscures price rises in the haze of confused	
	memories about 'what I paid last time/time before/previously, all of	
	which are frequently different.	
	In the case of standard goods (cans and packets) there is no 'market	
	price' to reflect in day-to-day pricing of these goods.	
	I believe that, in effect, this is a deceptive and/or insincere practice.	