

Commerce Commission – Retail fuel study – Process update on Draft Report

Friday 2 August 2019.

Good afternoon;

This email provides a process update on our Retail fuel study.

Publishing date for our Draft Report

We currently plan to publish our Draft Report on our website on **Tuesday 20 August 2019** at the following link: <https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/competition-studies/market-study-into-retail-fuel>.

Consultation on our Draft Report

We plan to seek written comments on our Draft Report by **4pm Friday 13 September 2019**. We plan to then hold a Consultation Conference (discussed further below), and seek written post-conference comments by **4pm Friday 11 October 2019**. We request that confidential and public versions of all comments are provided at the time they are submitted. We will endeavour to publish public versions of written comments on our Draft Report our website by **midday Monday 16 September 2019**.

Media Briefing for release of Draft Report

We intend to hold a Media Briefing on our preliminary findings on the morning of **Tuesday 20 August 2019**. This will be held in central Wellington and will commence at 8.30am. Please note that due to limited seating, the number of attendees will be restricted and priority will be given to media. We will also provide access to this briefing via teleconference, which industry is welcome to dial into. Further details will be circulated on **Thursday 15 August 2019**.

Consultation Conference

We currently plan to hold a Consultation Conference following release of our Draft Report. The purpose of this conference will be to further inform our Final Report by testing our preliminary findings with interested parties, and to clarify and test comments received on our Draft Report. The conference is likely to include open sessions as well as some closed sessions with stakeholders on specific topics.

The conference will be held in central Wellington, with sessions commencing at **9.30am Tuesday 24 September 2019** and running over the remainder of this week.

We will provide further details on the formal process for RSVPing attendance to the conference in our Draft Report, and subject to limited seating, may need to restrict the number of attendees.

In order to help with our planning, we are now seeking expressions of interest in attending. Please register your interest in attending by **4pm Friday 9 August 2019**, providing the following details:

- Organisation;
- Name and roles of attendee(s);
- Contact number; and
- Email address.

Summary of key dates

The table below sets out current dates for process steps going forward:

Publishing date for Draft Report	Tuesday 20 August 2019
Media Briefing for Draft Report	8.30am Tuesday 20 August 2019
Written comments on Draft Report due	4pm Friday 13 September 2019
Consultation Conference	Tuesday 24 September – Friday 27 September 2019
Post-conference comments due	4pm Friday 11 October 2019
Publishing date for Final Report	Thursday 5 December 2019

The table below sets out dates for responses to the Commission on process items set out in this email:

Expressions of interest for attending Conference	4pm Friday 9 August 2019
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Please provide all responses via email to Lauren Bourke at the following address: marketstudies@comcom.govt.nz. Please also respond to this address if you have any questions on the material above.

Further information about our study is available on our website at the following link: <https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/competition-studies/market-study-into-retail-fuel>.

Many thanks,
Keston Ruxton.