

# Commerce Commission – Retail Fuel Market Study – Draft Report Release – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Today we have published our Draft Report on our website at the following link:

<https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/competition-studies/market-study-into-retail-fuel>.

We thank all stakeholders who have provided information for our study to date.

We are seeking 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 further 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**.

## **Consultation Conference:**

We currently plan to hold a Consultation Conference 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.

Further details on the formal process for RSVPing attendance to the conference can be found in our Draft Report. Subject to limited seating, we may need to restrict the number of attendees.

## **Other published documents:**

Today we have also published public versions of the following submissions we received in response to our Working papers on Focus areas and Assessing profitability dated 18 April 2019:

- AA Smartfuel to Commerce Commission - Submission on Focus Areas – 25 July 2019 (confidential version provided to us 07 May 2019)
- BPNZ to Commerce Commission - Submission on Assessing Profitability - 14 May 2019
- BPNZ to Commerce Commission - Submission on Focus Areas - 14 May 2019
- Economics New Zealand to Commerce Commission - Submission on Assessing Profitability - 07 May 2019
- Mobil to Commerce Commission - Submission on Focus Areas - 07 May 2019
- MTA to Commerce Commission - Submission on Working Papers - 07 May 2019
- Ireland, Wallace & Associates Limited to Commerce Commission - Submission on Assessing Profitability - 07 May 2019
- Z Energy to Commerce Commission - Submission on Working Papers - 07 May 2019

We also have published the following supplementary submission in response to our Preliminary Issues paper dated on 31 January 2019.

- MTA to Commerce Commission – Supplementary Submission on Preliminary Issues Paper – March 2019.

**Summary of key dates:**

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

Written comments on Draft Report due	<b>4pm Friday 13 September 2019</b>
Consultation Conference	<b>Tuesday 24 September – Friday 27 September 2019</b>
Further comments due	<b>4pm Friday 11 October 2019</b>
Publishing date for Final Report	<b>Thursday 5 December 2019</b>

If you have any questions on the above please contact: [marketstudies@comcom.govt.nz](mailto:marketstudies@comcom.govt.nz)

Kind regards,  
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