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Commerce Commission – specified points of interconnection – consultation paper published

Kia ora koutou

The Commerce Commission has today published our consultation paper titled “specified points of interconnection - draft framework for amending s 231 notice” (**Consultation Paper**).

You can find the Consultation Paper on our website at: <https://comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/fibre/specified-points-of-interconnection>

The Consultation Paper outlines the draft framework under which we will exercise our powers under s 231 of the Telecommunications Act 2001 (**Act**) to amend by public notice the list of specified points of interconnection (**SPOIs**).

Background

Section 231 of the Act gives the Commission the power to prescribe points of interconnection (**POIs**) for the purposes of establishing fibre handover points. On 19 December 2019, we prescribed by public notice the POIs that applied as at the close of 31 December 2019 under the UFB initiative but did not prescribe any additional POIs.

We understand that regulated fibre service providers may need to add new POIs or amend existing SPOIs for various reasons. At the time of issuing our initial notice, we noted that we would provide guidance on how we will exercise our powers to amend the s 231 notice at a later stage.

The Consultation Paper sets out a draft framework and guidance for exercising our powers to amend the s 231 notice.

The paper also sets out our draft decision to specify an additional 9 POIs that Chorus has commissioned since our first s 231 notice on 19 December 2019.

We want to hear from you

We are seeking submissions on this Consultation Paper. We welcome submissions on any aspect of the paper and have included some specific questions.

Please make your submission to the Infrastructure Regulation mailbox (infrastructure.regulation@comcom.govt.nz) by **5pm on 2 September 2022**.

When including commercially sensitive or confidential information in your submission, we offer the following guidance:

- Provide a clearly labelled confidential version and public version. We intend to publish all public versions on our website.
- The responsibility for ensuring confidential information is not included in a public version of a submission rests entirely with the party making the submission.
- If we consider information disclosed in the confidential version to be in the public interest, we will consult with the party that provided the information before any such disclosure is made.

Please contact David Oxnam (david.oxnam@comcom.govt.nz) if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi nui

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