



Good morning,

This is an updated version of the email sent by the Commission on 12 October 2021. Timing for Session 9 on Day 6 has been updated. If you have already RSVP'd for any sessions using the link in the 12 October email you do not need to RSVP again.

As advised in our 1 October email to stakeholders, we are holding an online virtual conference between 21 October and 2 November.

The agenda for the conference can be found below.

Please provide your RSVP to marketstudies@comcom.govt.nz by **3pm on Friday 15 October**, with the following details:

- your name and email address
- which session(s) you will be attending
- which session(s) you would like to have a speaking role for.

Organisations should provide a list of all attendees' names and email addresses on a session-by-session basis, and proposed speakers for each session. Organisations should also advise us of any experts that will be attending each session on their behalf.

We will facilitate participation in each conference session, to ensure meaningful discussion within the constraints of the online platform. Only those who have RSVP'd will receive information on how to join each session. RSVPs received after the due date may not be able to be accommodated.

As the sessions have been updated from those previously advised, **you will need to email us an updated RSVP**, even if you have previously provided an expression of interest for the conference.

To help parties prepare for the conference, we intend to provide further details on the conference format and content of some of the sessions early next week.

We will invite post-conference submissions by 23 November 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact marketstudies@comcom.govt.nz.

Day 1 – Thursday 21 October

9.30am–12.30pm | Session 1: The nature of competition in the retail grocery sector
[Session break: 10.45-11.15am]

Day 2 – Friday 22 October

9.30–10.45am | Session 2: Pricing and promotional practices and loyalty programmes

11.15am–12.30pm | Session 3: Unit pricing

Day 3 – Tuesday 26 October

9.30am–12.30pm | Session 4: Grocery code of conduct, private labels and collective bargaining by suppliers

[Session break: 10.45-11.15am]

Day 4 – Wednesday 27 October

9.30–10.45am | Session 5: Indicators of competition – international price comparisons and innovation

11.15am–12.30pm | Session 6: Indicators of competition – principles underlying profitability analysis

Day 5 – Thursday 28 October

9.30–10.45am | Session 7: Options to improve conditions for entry and expansion

11.15am–12.30pm | Session 8: Options to improve conditions for entry and expansion – wholesale

Day 6 – Monday 1 November

9.30am–12.30pm | Session 9: Divestment and facilitation of entry
[Session break: 10.45-11.15am]

Day 7 – Tuesday 2 November

9.30–10.45am | Session 10: Reserved for overruns

11.15am–12.30pm | Closing comments

