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Subject: Market Study Into the retail Grocery Sector - 3 extra brief possible discussion topics

Dear Commissioners

Thank you for provision of the Zoom conference forum to share notes and deliver evidence to the Commission's study in Supermarkets

Our Coalition Monopoly Watch & Northelia team feel the zoom forum, is working well, because of the no need to travel, and useful breaks between sessions, it is, really helping us think between sessions and polish our thoughts between the sessions, once we got into the vibe of it after the first couple of days. It also broadens the array of speakers, in particular the UK and AU contributors.

In rising to the challenge from Chair Rawlings comment at the beginning of the conference "*are their other matters that are worthy of discussion*", may we suggest the following

- 1) **Rural Supermarket service and competition**, (if Like for Like comes to major Cities – how does this impact rural)
- 2) **Carbon Foot Print Competition** (Further to Commissioner Sue Begg's letter to the Climate Change Commission of 26 March 2021,) does it make sense to question, is there competition in the delivery of Decarbonisation targets ?" *is intervention needed to promote particular outcomes* " (quote 26 March letter from Deputy Chair to Climate Commission)
- 3) **Property Companies and Rents** (monopoly rents), paid to 3rd party property owners and the property strategy, does this need a further review, is the difference in understanding of profitability a function of leasing, leverage and are Foodstuffs using a consolidation of property into its calculations.

We understand busy schedules may not permit discussion of these matters, it does many sense to mention them, we thank the Commission for considering the position of Monopoly Watch NZ

Regards

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