NOTICE OF INTENTION 19/11/2018

Process for determining input methodologies for fibre services

The purpose of this notice of intention is for the Commerce Commission to advise that it has begun work on input methodologies for fibre fixed line access services (*Fibre IMs*). Under section 178(1) of the Telecommunications Act 2001 (*Act*), this notice of intention provides a high-level outline of the process that will be followed and sets out the proposed timeframes.

	Key process steps	Indicative timeframe
1	Invitation to comment on our proposed approach This paper sets out our preliminary views on the legal and economic frameworks for setting the Fibre IMs. It also explains our proposed process for setting the Fibre IMs and outlines some of the key challenges that we expect to face in this task.	9 November 2018 (actual)
	We have invited feedback from stakeholders on this paper in the form of submissions (due 21 December 2018) and cross-submissions (due 25 January 2019), and will hold a stakeholder workshop on 10 December 2018.	
2	Updated process paper This short paper will outline changes (if any) to our proposed process and timelines for setting the Fibre IMs, following stakeholder submissions on our initial consultation paper. If there are no changes, then this paper will not be published.	February 2019
3	Emerging views paper We intend to publish a paper setting out our emerging views on the Fibre IMs around May 2019. This is a further opportunity for us to test our emerging thinking on different topics and get feedback from stakeholders.	May 2019
	We will invite feedback from stakeholders on this paper in the form of submissions and cross submissions and may also hold stakeholder workshop(s).	
4	Draft decision on Fibre IMs We will publish draft Fibre IMs and a paper explaining our draft decision. We will invite feedback from stakeholders on this paper and the draft Fibre IMs in the form of submissions and cross-submissions. We may also hold a stakeholder workshop.	November 2019
5	Final decision on Fibre IMs We will publish the final Fibre IMs and a paper explaining our final decision.	June 2020
	If we decide to make changes from our draft decision, we may consult with stakeholders prior to issuing our final decision to ensure that the determination drafting gives effect to our policy decisions.	

The Commission intends to publish regular updates and any process refinements on its website: www.comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/input-methodologies/projects/fibre-input-methodologies

Note: We intend requesting the Minister to defer the implementation date (as defined in section 5 of the Act) to 1 January 2022, under clause 7 of Part 2 of Schedule 1AA of the Act. The indicative timeframes in this notice assume that the deferral request will be granted. If it is not granted, we will issue an updated notice of intention with revised timeframes.