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Minister	Hon Andrew Bayly	Portfolio	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Title of Cabinet paper	Competition Settings Review Release of Discussion Document Promoting Competition in New Zealand – A Targeted Review of the Commerce Act 1986	Date to be published	5 December 2024

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
November 2024	Competition Settings Review Release of Discussion Document Promoting Competition in New Zealand – A Targeted Review of the Commerce Act 1986	Office of the Minister for Commerce and Consumer Affairs
13 November 2024	Competition Settings Review: Release of Discussion Document ECO-24-MIN-0261 Minute	Cabinet Office
September	Competition Settings – Opportunity to Review New Zealand’s Competition Settings to Lift Productivity	Office of the Minister for Commerce and Consumer Affairs
25 September 2024	Competition Settings – Opportunity to Review New Zealand’s Competition Settings to Lift Productivity ECO-24-MIN-0206 Minute	Cabinet Office

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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Competition Settings Review: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 13 November 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1 **noted** that in September 2024, ECO agreed to progress four workstreams to review New Zealand's competition settings [ECO-24-MIN-0206];
- 2 **noted** that the discussion document *Promoting Competition in New Zealand – A targeted review of the Commerce Act 1986*, attached as Appendix 1 under ECO-24-MIN-0261, progresses three of the above workstreams;
- 3 **noted** that the discussion document invites submissions on Parts 2 and 3 of the Commerce Act 1986, code-making powers, and minor technical amendments;
- 4 **approved** the release of the discussion document for public consultation beginning in November 2024;
- 5 **authorised** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make minor amendments and refinements to the discussion document before it is released;
- 6 **noted** that the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs will report back to ECO in March 2025 on the outcome of consultation and to seek agreement to policy decisions.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Melissa Lee
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for ECO