

Pat Duignan – AER Independent Panel – Declaration of Potentially Relevant Regulatory Submissions and Advisory Projects.

This declaration lists Submissions and Advisory Projects that might be potentially relevant to my serving on the AER’s 2022 Rate of Return Instrument Review Independent Panel that I have undertaken since my previous Declaration for the similar 2018 Review. I consider that no conflicts of interest relevant to the AER Independent Panel arise from these submissions and advisory projects.

I have worked with TDB Advisory Limited on some of the listed submissions and projects. I have not had any financial interest in TDB Advisory during the period covered by this declaration. Earlier this year I agreed to become an Independent Associate of Concept Consulting but as an Independent Associate this does not involve any financial interest in Concept Consulting nor any exclusive arrangement.

Client/Agency	Topic/Task	
High Court of New Zealand	Economic and Finance Expert Lay member of the High Court under the Commerce Act 1986	2022 (July appointment)
New Zealand Ministry of Transport	Advice regarding contract with a NZ State-owned enterprise for public service provision (with TDB Advisory)	2022 (May)
Personal submission	Submission to the NZ Commerce Commission on proposed acceleration of depreciation rates in the regulation of gas pipeline businesses, having regard to implications of Climate Change policy. The issue has subsequently provoked interest including a press article whose author interviewed me on my analysis prior to the Commerce Commission Final Decisions published on 30 and 31 May which implemented acceleration. On 27 June, I have been served as an interested party (ie since I submitted on the issue) with notice that the acceleration of depreciation is being appealed by gas pipeline users.	2022 (March)
NZ Electricity Authority	Peer review of Electricity Authority Reports on Wholesale Electricity Market Monitoring and on Options regarding Price Discrimination in Wholesale Electricity Market	2021

Transpower	Expert Opinion (jointly with TDB Advisory) (prepared for submission by Transpower to the NZ Commerce Commission) regarding the feasibility of quantification of competition benefits in regard to the transmission grid investment test	2021
Personal (unremunerated) submission	Submission to the NZ Commerce Commission regarding priorities for regulatory review (particularly as regards implications of Climate Change policy)	2021
Residents Association	Submission to NZ Parliament Select Committee re urban planning amendment to the NZ Resource Management Act	2021
Accident Compensation Corporation	Assistance in review of Governance of ACC Investment Unit	2020-21
NZ Electricity Authority	Expert Panel assessment of the interpretation of proposed changes to the High Standard of Trading Conduct rules for electricity generators in the NZ Wholesale Electricity Market	2020
Meridian Energy (NZ Electricity Generator & Retailer)	Advice (jointly with TDB Advisory) to Meridian Energy Limited regarding their submission to the Commerce Commission on Transpower regulation. Specifically, the submission concerned issues raised by the Commission including the Commission's view regarding whether the expenditure levels proposed by Transpower were efficient.	2020
Board of Airline Representatives of New Zealand	Advice regarding Wellington International Airport pricing relating to CPI forecasting	2020
International credit card provider	Taxation Expert Opinion regarding cross border transfer pricing of receivables	2019-20
Chorus Limited (NZ Fibre Broadband Network provider)	Peer review (confidential) of submissions by Chorus to the NZ Commerce Commission regarding the regulatory	2019-20

	framework for the fibre broadband network.	
Personal (unremunerated) submission	Submission to the NZ Commerce Commission on internal consistency between incentive rate and other components of default price path regulation for electricity distribution businesses.	2019
Board of Airline Representatives of New Zealand	Advice regarding Airport regulation and proposed Auckland Airport Second Runway.	2019
NZ Electricity Retailers Association	Submission (jointly with TDB Advisory) to the NZ Commerce Commission advocating the use of Cost Benefit Analysis in regard to Quality Standards for Customised Price Path Determinations for electricity distribution businesses.	2018

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