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Title	Forward plan for the telecommunications regulatory review	Number	MFR2025-119
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Purpose

To provide you with an overview of the forward plan and engagement approach for the telecommunications regulatory review, and when the Ministry for Regulation (the Ministry) intends to engage with Joint Ministers throughout the review.

Background

On Tuesday 3 June, Cabinet agreed Terms of Reference for the telecommunications regulatory review [CAB-25-MIN0010 refers].

Forward plan

A high-level plan for the review is attached as **Appendix A**, which sets out a timeline for:

- Cabinet and committee dates
- Key deliverables
- Ministerial announcement opportunities
- Stakeholder engagement activity
- Projected dates for our meetings with the Ministry of Business, Industry and Employment (MBIE) and the Commerce Commission

We are working closely with MBIE to ensure that any legislative changes can be progressed in a timely way.

In discussions with the office of the Minister for Regulation, we understand you may choose to announce receiving the review's final report ahead of or after the December Cabinet decisions. Both announcement opportunities are indicated in the plan, and the attached engagement approach outlines each option. We will work with your offices at a time closer to the delivery of the final report to coordinate your preferred option.

Engagement approach

A high-level overview of the intended engagement approach for the review is attached as **Appendix B**.



The active engagement approach has two phases:

- Phase one, which is expected to be completed in June, will be direct engagement with targeted stakeholders including industry, industry groups, user groups, community and business groups, and rural interests. The information gathered during this phase will inform the development of options.
- Phase two will be public consultation to test the options. This four-week public consultation will be conducted through the Ministry's engagement hub and is expected to begin the third week of August.

The Ministry will also provide stakeholders with a monthly update on the progress of the review. This is intended to manage stakeholder expectations around the timing and outcome of the review.

The plan also identifies key points where we aim to engage the Joint Ministers:

- **Briefing to Joint Ministers (2nd week of July).** We intend this paper to report on the outcome of the direct engagement undertaken in June.
- **Briefing to Joint Ministers (1st week of August)** We intend this paper to provide updates on analysis of issues, report on findings, and provide some initial options, prior to public consultation.
- **Briefing to Joint Ministers (1st week of October).** We intend this paper to report on the outcome of Options consultation and provide draft recommendations.
- **Briefing to Joint Ministers (4th week of October).** We intend this paper to include the draft final report and draft Cabinet paper.

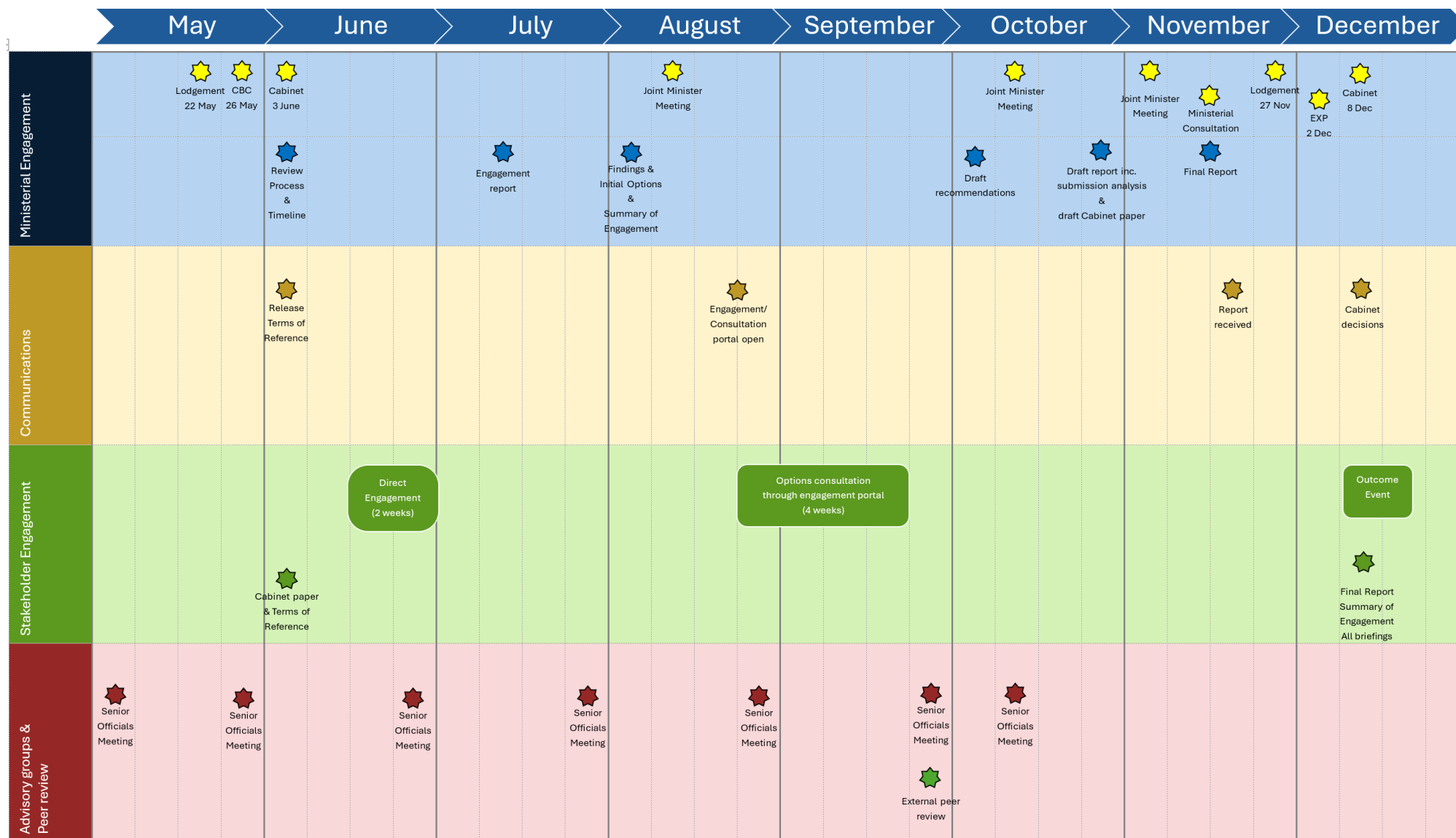
You may wish to meet to discuss the advice provided or meet with the review team. We have indicated on the plan when Joint Minister meetings would be helpful, in August and October, so that we may discuss any feedback on our findings and draft options, and on our draft recommendations, respectively.

**Expected
ministerial
engagement**



Next steps	Updates on the review will be provided to the Minister for Regulation via the Ministry's weekly report, as needed – this material can also be shared with the Minister for Media and Communications if preferred. We are available to meet with the Joint Ministers at your request.
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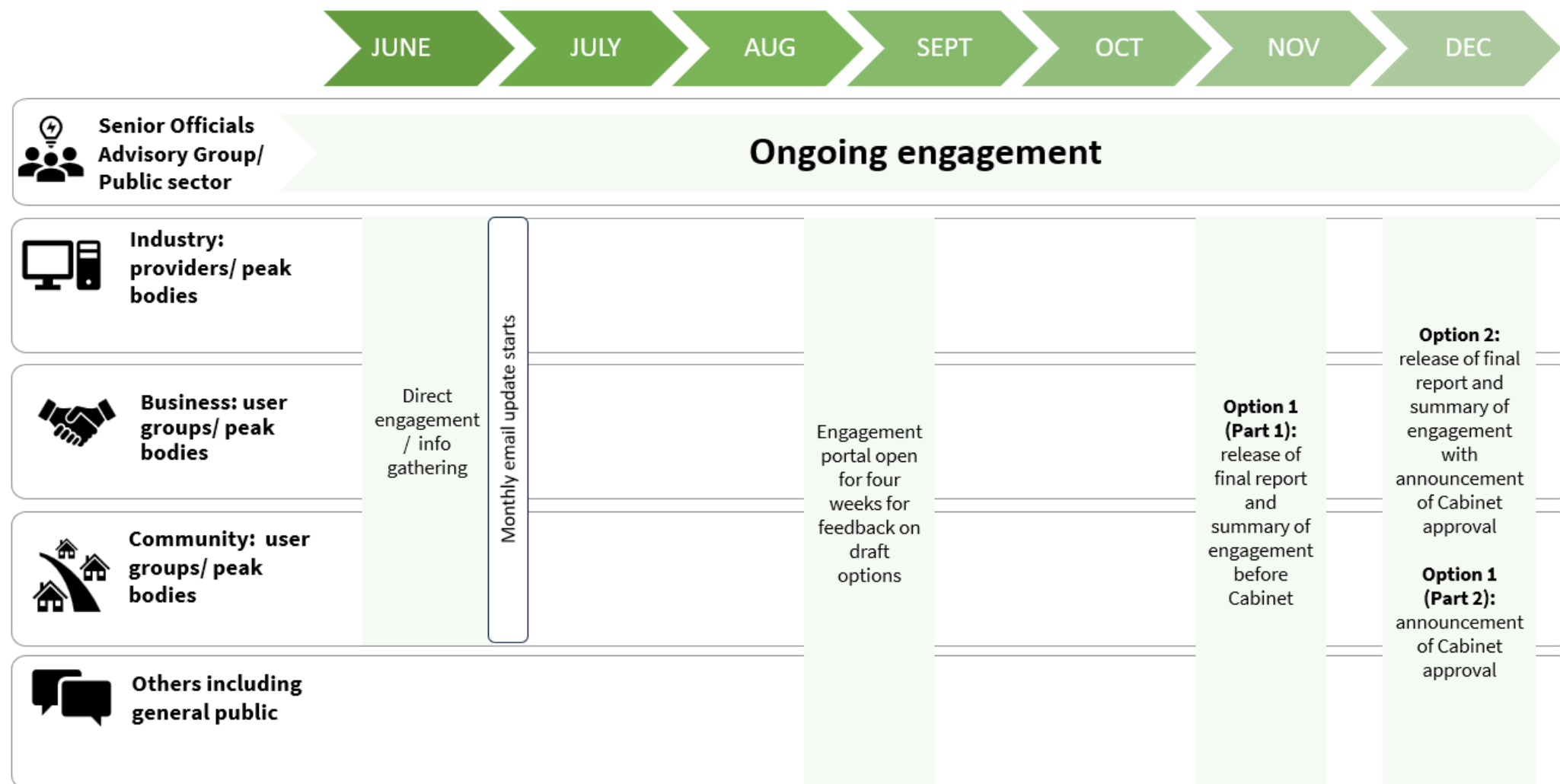
APPENDIX A – High-level Work Plan



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APPENDIX B

High level engagement approach overview



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Who we will engage with – updated as needed

Industry: providers/ peak bodies

- 2degrees
- Amazon Kuiper
- Bundled retail service providers
- Chorus
- Contact Energy
- Enable Networks Ltd (Enable)
- [Northpower](#) Fibre
- NZ Relay Services
- NZ Telecommunications Forum (TCF)
- One NZ
- Space X
- Spark
- Telecommunications Dispute Resolution Service (TDR)
- [Tū Ātea](#)
- [Tutahi](#) Fibre

- Utilities Dispute Resolution Services (UDL)
- Wireless internet service providers (WISPA)

Business: user groups/ peak bodies

- Business NZ
- Consumer NZ

Community: user groups/ peak bodies

- Deaf Aotearoa
- Digital Equity Coalition Aotearoa
- Federated Farmers
- Rural Women
- Technology Users Association of New Zealand (TUANZ)

Others including general public

- General Public
- Media
- Telco specific commentators

Senior officials advisory group and public sector

- Senior officials advisory group (MBIE and Commerce Commission)
- Financial Markets Authority
- Infrastructure Commission
- Ministry for Primary Industries
- Next Generation Critical Communications (NGCC) (critical comms network)



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