



Weekly Report

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Action sought

Hon David Seymour
MINISTER FOR REGULATION

Note the contents of this report

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Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due	Status update
A2025-181	MfR to draft a Ministerial consultation plan for the future stages of the RSB	30 May	In progress.
A2025-182	MfR to work up the next four future reviews options for Cabinet approval	June	In progress.

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
M22FR2025-120	Regulatory Standards Bill: Legislative statement and House pack for first reading	20 May
MFR2025-127	Information release: Regulatory Standards Bill – Approval for introduction	20 May
MFR2025-121	Meeting with Rural Contractors New Zealand	21 May
MFR2025-128	Economic Framework for analysing regulation	21 May
MFR2025-099	The OECD Regulatory Policy Outlook 2025 and iREG survey results - Key findings and opportunities for New Zealand	22 May
MFR2025-114	Information release: Paper 1 ECE Regulatory Sector Review Recommendations and next steps	22 May
MFR2025-116	Talking points for Cabinet paper and Terms of Reference - Telecommunications Regulatory Review	22 May

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-119	Forward plan for the telecommunications regulatory review	29 May
MFR2025-126	Information release: EXP-25-SUB-0047 Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review recommendations	12 June

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Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
TBC (post 26 May)	Wellington	Ag/Hort implementation – next steps announced after Cabinet paper	Joint Ministerial proactive release MfR web content & social media post
28 May	Auckland	Hairdressing & Barbering review – announcement of Cabinet decisions	Ministerial press release & media event MfR stakeholder comms, web content and social media post
29 May	Hamilton	Business Chamber Lunch event	DCE, Organisational Enablement to attend.
3 June	Wellington	Telco Terms of Reference released – engagement on review formally begins	Joint Ministerial proactive release MfR web content & social media post

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
29 May	DCE, Policy – one year update on MfR to ILANZ/Bell Gully GC Forum – Auckland
4 June	Chief Executive presentation to Council of Financial Regulators
11 June	Chief Executive on conference panel at APHANZ conference
26 June	DCE, Policy– one year update on MfR to ILANZ/Bell Gully GC Forum - Wellington

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Updates

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Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

We provided the *Regulatory Standards Bill: Legislative statement and House pack for first reading* (MFR2025-120) on Wednesday 20 May to support the Bill's first reading. Anticipating a referral to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee (FEC), we have engaged with the clerks to plan the approach to supporting the select committee process. We have also engaged with your office to support ongoing ministerial discussions.

Contact: Andrew Royle, Deputy Chief Executive Policy | Ph: s 9(2)(a)

Temporary Traffic Management

For discussion

As you are aware, the Ministry has been investigating the Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) sector to understand whether regulatory changes could enable more cost-effective and less disruptive TTM practices while protecting worker and road user safety.

We have engaged with the New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA), the Ministry of Transport, several road controlling authorities, and a range of stakeholders in the sector. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Appendix A provides additional information.

We would welcome a conversation with you after you have considered this initial analysis to identify our next steps.

Contact: Isabelle Sin, Lead Advisor Economics | Ph: s 9(2)(a)

Future Reviews

For information

As discussed with you earlier in the week, you have signed off on the following future reviews:

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)
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While you are engaging with your ministerial colleagues responsible for these portfolios, we have started drafting a Cabinet paper to confirm the topics for the next three regulatory reviews.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

We have also started engaging with responsible agencies for Reviews #5 and #6.

Contact: Hannah McGlue, Manager, Regulatory Reviews | Ph: s 9(2)(a)

For information

We have received 14 submissions in the week to 20 May, giving us a total of 737 submissions or direct commissions received on red tape issues to date; we have responded to and closed 497 of these submissions.

We have 35 open investigations which cover 144 of the 240 open submissions. An “investigation” involves active work on an issue, which may cover one or more submissions from the public or commissions from your office.

Last week we provided information on draft Q3 reporting. We are working with your office to plan the approach and timing of publication.

This week correspondence was sent from your office on the following RRT issues:

- s 9(2)(f)(iv) MFR2025-109
- s 9(2)(f)(iv) MFR2025-087

The following items have been sent to your office in the past week:

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2025-096	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	20 May
MFR2025-125	RRT Weekly report	21 May

Contact: Lucy Pritchard, Principal Advisor, Regulatory Reviews | Ph: s 9(2)(a)

Telecommunications Review

For information

On 22 May, the Telecommunications Review Lead attended the Connecting Aotearoa Summit 2025, hosted by the Technology Users Association of New Zealand. This was an opportunity to hear issues directly and to build relationships with key stakeholders. Reflections from the Summit included:

- There is significant data on the increased connectivity and accessibility of telecommunications services around the country over time, although some of the specific data is contested.
- Internationally providers are exploring differentiated connectivity (tailoring levels of connectivity to specific user needs and applications), which regulatory frameworks may need to allow for.
- With almost all households now having access to one or more options for service, some of the conversation is now focusing on accessibility (including affordability and digital literacy) rather than connectivity. Ensuring appropriate regulation of natural monopolies in the fibre wholesale market and reducing barriers to entry and increasing competition in the retail market can help address this, but non-regulatory levers may be available to address any residual issues.

- Access to telecommunications services is an area of high interest for rural businesses, communities, and households.

We will consider the insights gained as part of the review and will leverage the connections made to help ensure we have a range of views informing the review as we progress our analysis.

Contact: Peter Clark, Manager, Regulatory Reviews | Ph: S 9(2)(a)

Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review

For information

Drafting instructions have been issued to the Parliamentary Counsel Office for the Order in Council to revoke the Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980.

The guidance has been drafted and is with the Ministry of Health and Health New Zealand for clinical input and feedback.

Stakeholder meetings are scheduled for next week ahead of the public announcement on Wednesday 28 May.

Contact: Hannah McGlue, Manager, Regulatory Reviews | Ph: S 9(2)(a)

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information


The joint cabinet paper was discussed at Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO) earlier this week and is scheduled for Cabinet consideration on Monday 26 May.

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Appendix A: Temporary Traffic Management

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