



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Submission to New Zealand Productivity Commission
Draft Report on New Models of Tertiary Education

The University of Waikato commends the Productivity Commission on the work that it undertook to prepare its first draft report, and on the way in which the Commission sought and reflected the views of the sector.

In particular, the University of Waikato supports the concerns of the Commission about the ways in which some of the structures in the tertiary sector have the potential to support anti-competitive behaviour.

With respect to Universities New Zealand's Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP), the University of Waikato supports the Universities New Zealand submission to the extent that an internal review may be an appropriate mechanism for addressing concerns, but the University believes that it would be appropriate for the Productivity Commission's final report to continue to press for liberalisation or removal of the CUAP mechanism for university course approval and to press for serious consideration of the idea that New Zealand universities should become self-accrediting.

The University of Waikato believes that the Productivity Commission could pay greater attention to the issue of differentiation within the tertiary education sector, particularly the roles that the different sub-sectors perform and the confusion that has stemmed from the blurring of these roles (ITPs and PTEs offering degrees and graduate programmes, for example). The Commission may also wish to give further thought to the recommendations which would significantly increase the responsibilities of New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and to give consideration as to whether NZQA is the appropriate home for these.

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