



27 February 2018

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Dear Judy

State Services Commission submission on the New Zealand Productivity Commission December 2017 draft report 'Measuring and improving state sector productivity'

We attach our submission on this draft report. As you will see we make some suggestions that may assist the final report to be a valuable resource for the state sector. We are happy to discuss these further as required.

At your recent meeting with SSC and Treasury representatives you spoke about some ideas for a possible part two to this report. We have not commented on this in the submission as it is at an early stage. However as input to any work on this we draw your attention to the thinking set out in the Briefing for the Incoming Government <http://www.ssc.govt.nz/briefing-government-nov17> which was prepared by the SSC with the collective support of Public Service chief executives. The proposals in this report have been reinforced by recent comments from Ministers, including about building greater collective responsibility across agencies, using common approaches and a much greater focus on achieving outcomes which are not able to be achieved by single agencies working alone. The Minister of State Services has signalled this may lead to a rewrite of the State Sector Act 1988.

Thank you for considering our submission and we are happy to discuss any aspect of it.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugo Vitalis'.

Hugo Vitalis
Acting Manager Policy