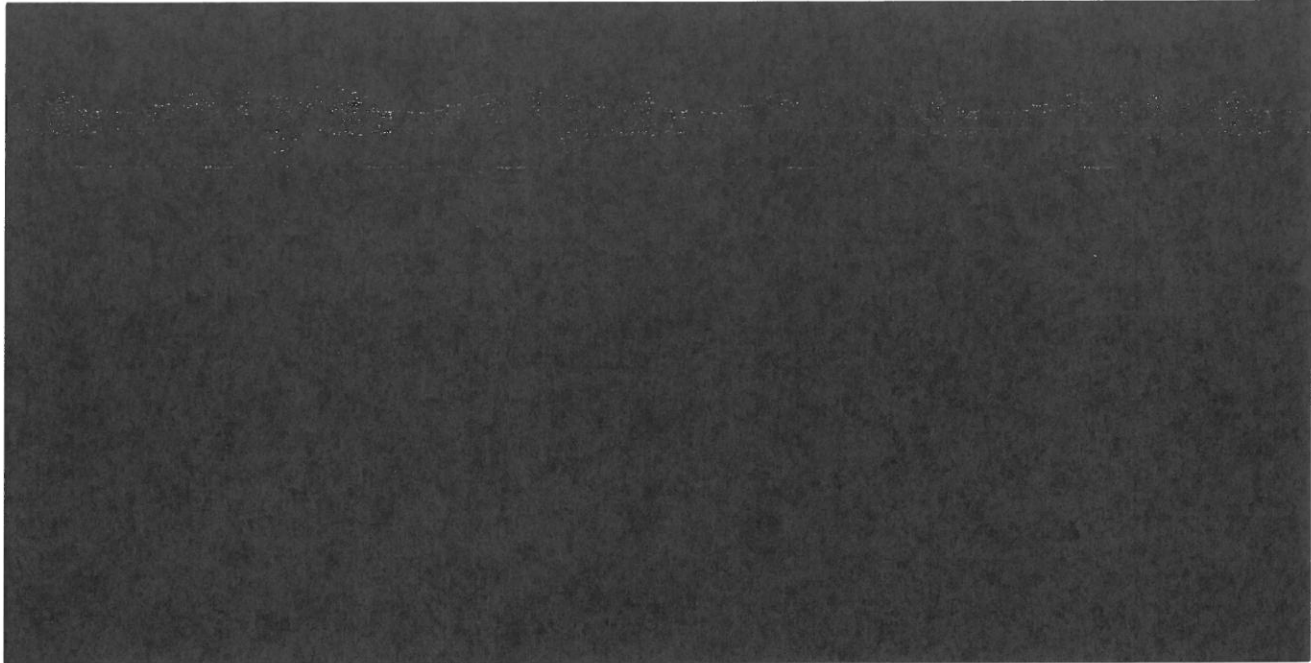


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- The ACCC accepts that the provision of detailed petrol price information to the public would assist consumers.
 - However, the information provided by Informed Sources to various organisations and the public is not the same as the petrol price data received by the subscribers.
 - The ACCC is concerned about petrol retailers' access to specific, high frequency retail petrol price data from their competitors, with the knowledge that they all receive the same data set at the same time.
 - OPW service would still facilitate signalling/cooperative behaviour between retailers which undermines competition. Making data available to consumers would not address the common knowledge issue.
- (ii) **Motormouth** – *Shell may ask whether, if the frequency/timeliness of data available on Motormouth was increased (i.e. hourly), this would be an acceptable alteration to the service.*

Suggested response:

- There is a real difference between retailers receiving frequent and comprehensive information (i.e. full data set) directly into their pricing system and consumers using the limited Motormouth data or observing individual price boards. It is the ACCC's position that even if the frequency and timeliness of information available through Motormouth was increased this does not affect the way the service would be used by retailers.
- Making more price information publicly available can assist consumers. However, the ACCC remains concerned that the source of the underlying data is an information sharing arrangement between retailers which impacts overall pricing behaviours.

