

Supreme Court of New Zealand

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Commerce Commission v Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited (SC 39/2006)
[2007] NZSC 36

PRESS SUMMARY

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The Supreme Court has allowed this appeal. The Court has held that the phrase "cost of capital rate" in reg 9(1) of the Dairy Industry Restructuring (Raw Milk) Regulations 2001 refers to the cost of Fonterra's equity capital rather than to the weighted average cost of all Fonterra's capital, as both the High Court and the Court of Appeal had decided. The Court has made a formal declaration to that effect.

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