

ACCC Industry Forum

Proposed changes to NBN Co's SAU variation

Thursday 18 August 2022 10am – 2pm

Friday 19 August 2022 11am – 3pm

Hilton Sydney 488 George St, Sydney NSW 2000

Time	Topic
9:45 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ACCC Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb will welcome attendees and provide some opening comments.
10:15 – 10:30	Government perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Department of Communications staff will make some opening remarks about the Government's perspective on the SAU process.
10:30 – 11:15	Session 1: Overview of NBN Co's proposed changes to SAU variation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NBN Co will present its proposed changes to the SAU variation and outline its proposed next steps in the process.- NBN Co will also discuss the commercial bridging offer to apply from December 2022 before the revised SAU can be put in place.- This will be followed by open discussion by forum participants on NBN Co's proposals.
11:15 – 12:30	Session 2: Price and associated controls <ul style="list-style-type: none">- This session will cover the general pricing construct proposed by NBN Co in its discussion paper and associated issues- Specific matters to be discussed include price structure and other measures to promote cost certainty, effective charges on lower speed products, price controls and commitments on the use of discounts.
Lunch Break (30 minutes)	

13:00 – 14:00	<p>Session 3: Service standards and reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This session will cover NBN Co's proposal to include benchmark service levels and performance objectives in the SAU and to have service levels reviewed before each regulatory cycle. - This session will also include discussions on detailed reporting requirements within a new SAU proposal.
Start of day 2	
11:00 – 11:50	<p>Session 4: Form of Regulatory Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This session will cover the regulatory controls under NBN Co's proposal. - Specific elements of the regulatory controls to be discussed include the general building block framework, financial objectives, revenue controls, recovery of historical losses and cost allocation.
11:50 – 12:40	<p>Session 5: Expenditure criteria and review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This session will cover the prudency and efficiency assessment criteria and the ACCC review process as set out in NBN Co's discussion paper, including their application to different forms of expenditure and cost pass-through events. - This session will also discuss the expenditure objectives and factors and the scope of information that can be taken into account in expenditure reviews.
Lunch Break (30 minutes)	
13:10 – 14:00	<p>Session 6: ACCC functions and powers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This session will discuss the functions and powers NBN Co is proposing the ACCC will have in the SAU. - Specific matters to be discussed include the regulatory cycle process and scope of specific powers conferred on the ACCC so there can be confidence that the SAU could respond to new issues and remain fit for purpose over time.

14:00 – 14:45	Session 7: Commercial bridging offer <ul style="list-style-type: none">- This session will cover commercial arrangements to apply following expiry of WBA4 and before commencement of a varied SAU.
14:45 – 15:00	Next steps and close <ul style="list-style-type: none">- This session will cover next steps in the process for developing and submitting a revised SAU variation.