

Competition and Consumer Act 2010

Notice of extension of decision making period for making an access determination under subsection 152BCK(3)

1. Pursuant to subsection 152BCK(3) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (Commission) extends the period for making final access determinations for the fixed line services (being the unconditioned local loop service (ULLS), line sharing service (LSS), public switched telephone network originating access (PSTN OA) service, public switched telephone network terminating access (PSTN TA) service, wholesale line rental (WLR) service and the local carriage service (LCS) and the wholesale ADSL service to **11 July 2014**.
2. The Commission is unable to make the final access determinations within the original inquiry period. The Commission considers that industry consultation on the pricing issues for the inquiry will be promoted by the receipt of relevant pricing data for the services from Telstra prior to releasing a discussion paper for industry consultation. This data was received from Telstra in November 2013. The Commission anticipates that the release of the discussion paper and consideration of the material in response to the discussion paper cannot be undertaken in the original inquiry period.
3. The Commission further considers it appropriate to complete its inquiry into whether to extend, further extend, revoke, vary, allow the declarations to expire and make a new declaration or extend for not more than twelve months and then allow to expire, the declarations of the fixed line services prior to undertaking extensive industry consultation on the issues for the inquiry into making final access determinations for the fixed line services.
4. The Commission considers that the extension of the decision making period:
 - a. should allow sufficient time for the Commission to undertake sufficient consultation on the issues for the inquiry; and
 - b. will provide certainty to industry about the declared services for which access terms and conditions (including price) will be determined in final access determinations.

Dated this 11 day of December 2013



Rodney Graham Sims
Chairman
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission