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Dear Dr Warren

Extension of Time to the Decision Making Period for the Assessment of Telstra's PSTN and LCS Undertakings

I am writing to notify you that the ACCC has decided to extend the decision making period for the assessment of Telstra's PSTN and LCS undertakings to 4 December 2006 under section 152BU(7) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

This follows the ACCC agreeing to an extension of time until the 20 October 2006 for the receipt of submissions to the draft decision. This extension was made in response to Telstra's request of 26 September 2006 for an extension to the time for Telstra to respond to the ACCC's draft decision on the assessment of Telstra's PSTN and LCS undertakings.

The ACCC considers that an extension of time to the decision making period is appropriate in this case since the current deadline for the decision would allow only 10 business days from the new deadline for submissions. In the ACCC's view, this would not allow adequate time to ensure that material submitted is assessed and, if necessary, taken into account in reaching a final decision.

The ACCC urges Telstra to submit its complete submission in response to the draft report by 20 October 2006, so that the material can be taken into account prior to the final decision and given due consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Wright
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