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Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for providing the update on proposed variations to the FOAS and FTAS service descriptions.

Commpete members have reviewed these and are in support of the proposed changes to broaden the language to align with wording used for MTAS and have the FOAS and FTAS service descriptions technology neutral.

Thank you for all the work you and the team are doing to deliver Declared Service descriptions that will carry the industry as a whole forward for the next five years.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**OFFICIAL**

Good afternoon,

In response to points raised by stakeholders in consultation, we are proposing revised variations to the FOAS and FTAS service descriptions. Essentially, the proposed variations would more closely align wording with that used for the Mobile Terminating Access Service (which does not refer to industry guidelines) and continue to make the service descriptions technology neutral, with the exception of pre-selection and override/access codes which we understand are only provided over the PSTN.

The proposed revised variations to the FOAS and FTAS service descriptions is **attached**. If you have any concerns or comments that you would like to provide on this alternative wording, please send any such comments to [telco.regulation@acc.gov.au](mailto:telco.regulation@acc.gov.au) by 5pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 13 March 2024.

The ACCC's approach to handling information during this consultation, disclosure of confidential information and the process for claiming confidentiality is outlined in the ACCC's [discussion paper](#) published at the commencement of the public inquiry and in the draft inquiry report.

Kind regards,

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Apologies, submissions are due by Friday 8 March 2024 (corrected below).

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**OFFICIAL**

Good morning,

As you know, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is holding a public inquiry relevantly about whether to extend, further extend, revoke, vary, allow to expire or remake the declarations of the fixed originating access service (FOAS) and fixed terminating access service (FTAS).

On 20 December 2023, the ACCC released a [draft inquiry report](#). Amongst other things, in the draft report the ACCC expressed the preliminary view that extending the expiry dates of the FOAS and FTAS declarations for a further 5 years, with no changes to the service descriptions, will promote the long-term interests of end-users.

The ACCC is now proposing to vary the service descriptions in the FOAS and FTAS to include a reference to Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Interconnection so that it is clear this is captured by the service descriptions. The proposed variation follows the release of Communications Alliance Ltd's [Industry Guideline G672:2023](#) in December 2023 and [submissions received in response to the ACCC's combined declaration inquiry draft report](#).

The proposed revised service descriptions for the FOAS and FTAS declarations, reflecting the proposed amendments, are **attached**.

#### **Making a submission**

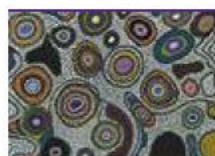
The ACCC invites you to make a submission regarding these proposed changes, particularly whether you support these changes or have any concerns with the proposed changes, by emailing [telco.regulation@acc.gov.au](mailto:telco.regulation@acc.gov.au) by 5pm (AEDT) on Friday 8 March 2024.

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Kind regards,

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