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Via email:

**Dear Bruce** 

## NBN Co – COVID-19 application for authorisation AA1000483 – new interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to revoke the conditional interim authorisation dated 31 March 2020, and grant a replacement conditional interim authorisation in relation to the above mentioned application for authorisation, as amended on 26 June and 16 July 2020.

A copy of the ACCC's new conditional interim decision is enclosed.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

## **Next steps**

As you are aware, the next step is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of all submissions from NBN Co and interested parties. The ACCC currently anticipates releasing a draft determination in August 2020.

As noted in the enclosed decision, the new conditional interim authorisation commences immediately and remains in place until it is revoked, the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or the date when the application for authorisation is withdrawn.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact myself or Jaime Martin on (02) 6243 1266.

Yours sincerely

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