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Dear Ms Henrick,

Third line forcing notifications N31277, N31278 and N32292 and N32293 lodged by Telstra Corporation Limited and Telstra Pay TV Pty Limited

I refer to the above third line forcing notifications lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission ('the Commission') by Telstra Pay TV Limited and Telstra Corporation Limited ('Telstra') on 11 February and 30 April 2004.

Immunity from prosecution under the exclusive dealing provisions of the Trade Practices Act 1974 came into effect on 11 February 2004 for notifications N31277 and N31278, and on 20 April 2004 for notifications N31292 and N31293.

The Commission has made inquiries into these matters, and in the course of doing so received information from Telstra and interested parties more generally.

Following consideration of information provided by Telstra and interested parties the Commission has decided that the likely public benefit from the notified conduct will outweigh the likely detriment. As such the Commission has decided to allow the notifications to stand at this time.

It should be noted however that Commission may act to remove the immunity afforded by this notification at a later stage if it is satisfied that the likely benefit to the public from the conduct will not outweigh the likely detriment to the public from the conduct.



This letter has been placed on the Commission's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Michael Cosgrave on 03 9290 1914, or alternatively Mark Mcleish on 03 9290 1834.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Cosgrave General Manager

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