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Dear David and Jaime

**Authorisation: Report of “material decisions” for week ending 13 November 2020**

We are instructed that with respect to the meetings of the Special Working Group (**SWG**) or its sub-committees (**Committees**) held last week, there is one matter to be reported under paragraph 3 of the Reporting Protocol.

Following consultation in the SWG, it was agreed that the SWG would advise the Over The Top (OTT) Video Conferencing providers to inform them that, for the time being, the SWG no longer sees it as necessary for these providers to continue to apply their voluntary bit rate reduction measures to help support data transmission rates of services supplied using the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network. It was acknowledged that these are voluntary measures and that it would be a matter for each OTT video conferencing provider to individually decide whether they cease to apply any bit rate reduction measures in their particular circumstances.

**nbn** notified retail service providers (**RSPs**) of the above decision on 13 November 2020 and asked that those RSPs inform any downstream RSPs (their RSP customers) of this decision.

We are instructed to provide the following update more generally:

**Committee meeting cadence**

The Special Working Group Committee dealing with network matters is meeting fortnightly for the time being.

**Summary of matters discussed at the Committee meeting held this week**

In brief, the following matters were addressed at the Committee meeting held last week:

- analysis of international data, including European internet traffic and utilisation during the “second wave” of COVID-19 infections being observed in some European countries;
- analysis of recent **nbn** network performance data, including downstream and upstream traffic and usage patterns, both nationally and in Victoria, and discussion of the network traffic trends, including around recent sporting events;
- update on discussions held with certain OTT video conferencing providers regarding the status of the voluntary bit rate reduction measures adopted by those providers, in the context of the material decision referred to above; and
- update on status of voluntary measures by OTT video streaming providers.

Regards

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