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I am contacting you as Chair of the NETCC Council.

The CEC has advised that they are requesting a three year extension of their current Code, but that the ACCC is considering a two year extension instead, as reflected in the draft determination published by the ACCC.

I am not an advocate for the CEC in any way in this matter, but I thought it would be helpful to outline the situation with the NETCC.

We had expected to be well advanced with the new Code by now, but our work was held up by the appeal to the Competition Tribunal and the delay until the hearing and subsequent decision. NETCC work can now resume, but given the time of year, we will only make limited progress until end January 2021 when the work of the NETCC Council will resume in earnest.

The NETCC Council is keen for the Code to be implemented as soon as possible and will be working towards this, but there are significant steps in appointing a Code Administrator/Steward, putting systems and communications in place, accepting new signatories to the Code, and transitioning existing signatories from the CEC Code. I always understood that regardless of the length of extension for the CEC Code, once all arrangements were in place for the NETCC, the transition to the NETCC could take place. I understand that there are state government programs that require an ACCC authorised code and a buffer would be needed to cover this. A two year extension might be tight. If a three year extension was granted, this would be a reasonable buffer which would not be required if the NETCC is operational at an earlier stage.

I hope this information is helpful in relation to the NETCC.

Clare Petre
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