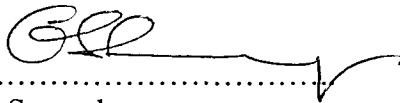


**TRADE PRACTICES ACT 1974****Declaration under section 152AL(3)**

1. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the Commission) declares pursuant to section 152AL(3) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) that the Digital Data Access Service (DDAS) is a "declared service" for the purposes of Part XIC of the Act.
2. This declaration takes effect on 1 July 2005 and expires on 30 June 2008.

Note: The previous declaration of the DDAS expires on 30 June 2005.

3. The DDAS is described in Annexure 1. The description of the DDAS comprises 2 parts. Part A is to apply from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006. Part B is to apply from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008.
4. This declaration was made by decision of the Commission on 8 June 2005.



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Graeme Samuel  
Chairman

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2005

## DIGITAL DATA ACCESS SERVICE

### PART A - Service description to apply from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

The Digital Data Access Service is a service for the carriage of certain communications, being data in digital form, between customer equipment at an end-user's premises in Australia and a point of interconnection, where:

1. the customer equipment is directly connected to a carrier's or carriage service provider's network; and
2. the carriage is capable of occurring at an nx64 rate using nx64 interfaces; and
3. the carriage interworks with higher management facilities and network controls

### Definitions

Where words or phrases used in this declaration are defined in the *Trade Practices Act 1974* or the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, they have the meaning given in the relevant Act.

**nx64 interfaces** are X.21, V.35 and G.703/G.704 interfaces, with up to 8 service interfaces per customer access;

**nx64 rate** means a rate of transmission equal to (n times 64 kilobits per second), where 'n' is a whole number between 1 and 31 (both inclusive);

**Point of interconnection** means a physical point of connection in Australia between the network to which the relevant customer equipment is directly connected and a network operated by another service provider;

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### PART B - Service description to apply from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008

The Digital Data Access Service is a service for the carriage of certain communications, being data in digital form, between customer equipment at an end-user's premises in Australia and a point of interconnection, where:

1. the customer equipment is directly connected to a carrier's or carriage service provider's network; and
2. the carriage is capable of occurring at an nx64 rate using nx64 interfaces; and
3. the carriage interworks with higher management facilities and network controls *except* communications relating to the supply of the service in the capital cities.

## Definitions

Where words or phrases used in this declaration are defined in the *Trade Practices Act 1974* or the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, they have the meaning given in the relevant Act.

**Capital cities** means the Central Business District and metropolitan areas as set out in the charging zones below

Capital cities	Charging Zones
Adelaide	Adelaide, McLaren Vale, Mount Barker (SA), Salisbury, Woodside (SA)
Brisbane	Beenleigh, Brisbane, Cleveland, Ipswich, Redcliffe, Samford
Canberra	Canberra
Darwin	Darwin
Hobart	Brighton, Hobart, Huonville, Margate, New Norfolk, Richmond (TAS), Sorell
Melbourne	Croydon, Dandenong, Kalkallo, Melbourne, Sunbury, Werribee, Whittlesea
Perth	Armadale, Herne Hill, Kalamunda, Perth, Rottnest, Spearwood, Wanneroo
Sydney	Avalon Beach, Blacktown, Dural, Engadine, Liverpool, Sydney

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