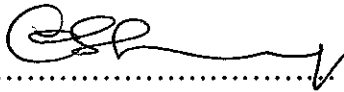


TRADE PRACTICES ACT 1974

Declaration under section 152AL(3)

1. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (Commission) declares pursuant to section 152AL(3) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (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 2008 and expires on 30 June 2009.
Note: The previous declaration of the DDAS expires on 30 June 2008
3. The DDAS is described in Annexure 1.
4. This declaration was made by decision of the Commission on 4 June 2008.



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Graeme Julian Samuel
Chairman

Dated: 18th June 2008

Digital Data Access Service - Service description

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, Rottneest, Spearwood, Wanneroo
Sydney	Avalon Beach, Blacktown, Dural, Engadine, Liverpool, Sydney

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.