

COMPETITION AND CONSUMER ACT 2010

Extension of declaration expiry date under section 152ALA(4)

1. Pursuant to section 152ALA(4) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act), the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission extends the expiry date for the Fixed Terminating Access Service (FTAS) declaration to 30 June 2024.

Note: the previous expiry date was 31 July 2019.

2. The FTAS is described in Annexure 1 to this instrument.



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Chair

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Annexure 1: Service Description for the FTAS

Service description

An access service for the carriage of telephone calls (i.e. voice, data over the voice band) from a POI to end-customer assigned numbers from the geographic number ranges of the Australian Numbering Plan and directly connected to the access provider's network.

For the avoidance of doubt, the service also includes a service for the carriage of telephone calls from a POI, or potential POI, located at or associated with a local switch and located on the incoming trunk side of the switch to customer equipment at an end-user's premises.

Channel Capacity

The service will establish a connection for the purposes of voice communication with the standard bandwidth of 3.1kHz.

Services

The service is provided on a call that is handed over for termination to a customer directly connected to the access provider's network with numbering in accordance with the Australian Numbering Plan.

Signalling

Signals for this service will use CCS#7 signalling. Unless otherwise agreed, this CCS#7 signalling will be in accordance with the NIIF/ACIF Interconnection-ISUP specification.

Nature of switchports

At POIs the calls will be delivered to the access seeker at 2.048Mbit/sec Switchports. The switchports will operate at 2.048Mbit/sec in accordance with the ITU Recommendations G.703, G. 704 and G.732 (Blue Book)

Definitions

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

In this Appendix:

NBN corporation has the same meaning as in the National Broadband Network Companies Act 2011.

point of Interconnection or **POI** means an agreed location which:

- is a physical point of demarcation between the networks nominated by the access seeker and the access provider; and
- is associated (but not necessarily co-located with) with one or more gateway exchanges of each of the networks nominated by the access seeker and the access provider in respect of the POIs nominated by the access provider.