## Competition and Consumer Act 2010

## Notice of further extension of decision making period for making an access determination under subsection 152BCK(3)

- Pursuant to subsection 152BCK(3) of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) further extends the period for making a final access determination in relation to the Domestic Transmission Capacity Service (DTCS) to 5 December 2020.
- 2. The ACCC has been unable to make a final access determination (FAD) within the twelve month period from the commencement of the public inquiry into making an access determination. Over the previous 6-month extension period, given the public health emergency associated with Covid-19, the ACCC provided a lengthy consultation period for stakeholders to make comments on the Inquiry's Draft Report, leaving it with insufficient time to complete the Final Report.
- 3. The ACCC considers that the extension of the decision-making period will be necessary for it to:
  - a. provide stakeholders with additional time to respond to the Draft Report, should this be sought
  - b. review the submissions received from stakeholders and address any new issues raised
  - c. finalise its calculation of regulated prices for the DTCS, and
  - d. prepare a final access determination.

Note: The ACCC commenced a public inquiry into making an access determination in relation to the DTCS on 5 June 2019.

Dated this 2nd day of June 2020.

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