

COMPETITION AND CONSUMER ACT 2010

Variation and extension of declaration under sections 152AL, 152ALA and 152AO

1. Pursuant to sections 152AL, 152ALA and 152AO of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the CCA), and with effect from, 1 July 2024 the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) varies and extends the fixed originating access service (FOAS) declaration which took effect from 1 July 2019 under section 152AL of the CCA by deleting Annexure 1 of the FOAS declaration and replacing it with Annexure 1 of this Instrument.
2. Pursuant to subsection 152ALA(1) of the CCA, the expiry of the FOAS declaration is 30 June 2029.



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Commissioner

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

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Annexure 1: Service description for the FOAS

An access service for the carriage of voice calls to a POI from end-customers assigned numbers from the geographic number ranges of the Australian Numbering Plan and directly connected to the access provider's network.

Channel Capacity

In relation to pre-selection and override/access codes, 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 made with:

- pre-selection, or
- an access seeker specific code including Special Services codes and number ranges, or
- a long distance, international or shared operator codes dialled with an override/access code in accordance with the Australian Numbering Plan.

Pre-selection and code override services are not declared where connectivity between the end-user directly connected to the access provider's network and a POI is provided in whole or in part by means of a Layer 2 bitstream service that is supplied by an NBN corporation.

Signalling

In relation to pre-selection and override/access codes, signals for this service will use CCS#7 signalling. Unless otherwise agreed, this CCS#7 signalling will be in accordance with the Communications Alliance Interconnection-ISUP specification.

Nature of switchports

In relation to pre-selection and override/access codes, 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 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.