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Hi Jane

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Commission's proposal to launch a study into Next Generation Network ("NGN") issues.

TelstraClear supports this initiative and the proposed scope of the review. Proactive industry-wide engagement on NGN issues will ensure that both Telecom and access seekers have certainty around future rights and obligations, and can make informed decisions as migration to an NGN environment occurs.

As the Commission's proposal notes, there is likely to be significant overlap between the Commission's process, the "Dialogue" consultation under the terms of Telecom's operational separation undertaking, and industry discussion through the Telecommunications Carriers' Forum. As the discussion progresses, it will be important that these processes minimise any unnecessary duplication.

TelstraClear looks forward to actively engaging in the process over the coming months.

Kind Regards
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