



COMMERCE COMMISSION

Please refer to:

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Dear Interested Party

Mobile to Mobile Termination

On 8 May, the Commission wrote to you seeking your views as to whether or not to commence a Schedule 3 investigation to subject mobile-to-mobile termination rates for both voice and SMS to regulation. The Commission has since extended the timeframe for responses to 29 May.

If following the receipt of initial views from interested parties, there appears to be reasonable grounds to commence an investigation, the Commission proposes to test the issue further by releasing an Issues Paper and seeking submissions before commencing a formal Schedule 3 investigation.

In previous Schedule 3 investigations, the Commission has released an Issues Paper, after the commencement of an investigation, outlining what the Commission considers to be the issues and have sought comment from interested parties. The Commission considers that comments on an Issues Paper, at an earlier stage, will help to draw out the main issues and to determine whether there are reasonable grounds to commence an investigation, and if as a consequence an investigation was commenced, would assist any party proposing to lodge an undertaking.

Yours sincerely

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