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cc: Bruce Parkes, Telecom New Zealand

Dear Mark

**TelstraClear Bitstream Application Wholesale Price Calculation
Opinion from David Goddard QC**

I refer to our telephone conversation this afternoon.

On 3 November 2005, Telecom submitted to the Commerce Commission a copy of a legal opinion prepared by David Goddard QC and dated 3 November 2005. That opinion deals with issues regarding the wholesale price calculation set out in the Commission's statement for consultation issued on 12 October 2005.

The Commission will give due consideration to all matters raised in the opinion. Consistent with its standard practice, the Commission will shortly make the opinion available on the Commission's website and will notify those parties who have a material interest in the matter.

Yours faithfully

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