



COMPETITION AND CONSUMER ACT 2010

Extension of the declaration expiry date under section s152ALA(4) – Wholesale ADSL – 2024

1. Pursuant to section 152ALA(4) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act), the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission extends the expiry date for the wholesale asymmetric digital subscriber line service (wholesale ADSL service) declaration to 30 June 2029.

Note: the previous expiry date was 30 June 2024.

2. The wholesale ADSL service is described in Annexure 1 to this instrument.

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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

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Annexure 1: Service description for the wholesale ADSL service

The wholesale asymmetric digital subscriber line service (wholesale ADSL service) is an internet-grade, best efforts point to point service for the carriage of communications in digital form between a **point of interconnection** and an **end-user network boundary** that:

- a) is supplied by means of Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) technology over a twisted metallic pair that runs from the end-user network boundary to the nearest upstream exchange or RIM or CMUX; and
- b) uses a static **Layer 2** tunnelling protocol (L2TP) over a transport layer to aggregate communications to the point of interconnection.

Definitions

Where words or phrases used in this declaration are defined in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* or the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, they have the meaning given in the relevant Act.

In this Appendix:

Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line technology or **ADSL** means the protocols, recommendations and standards set out in the ITU-TG.992 Recommendations.

Layer 2 has the same meaning as in the Open System Interconnection (OSI) Reference Model for data exchange.

a **point of interconnection** means an interface that is:

- a) a physical point of interconnection which allows the interconnection of facilities in accordance with subsection 152AR(5) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*; and
- b) located in the same state/territory that the access provider associates with the exchange service area in which the **end-user network boundary** is located.

an **end-user network boundary** means the boundary point of the telecommunications network that is:

- (i) associated with the end-user premise; and
- (ii) ascertained in accordance with section 22 of the *Telecommunications Act*.