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## **Commerce Commission – update on timeline for development of Telecommunications codes**

Good morning

Due to an unprecedented volume of work in 2019, we want to advise you that we have reassessed the timeline for the delivery of some projects in the Telecommunications portfolio for 2019.

### **Updated timeframe for Copper Withdrawal Code and Commission 111 contact code**

We have previously indicated that the development of the [Copper Withdrawal Code](#) and the [Commission 111 contact code](#) would be completed by the end of 2019. Our aim is now to have these codes in place by mid-2020. We note that the statutory deadline for developing these codes is the implementation date (i.e. 1 January 2022).

We need to extend the timeframe for delivery of these codes for a number of reasons, including:

- the need to engage with a wider groups of stakeholders for the development of the codes;
- considering issues that arose in submissions on the minimum requirements of the copper withdrawal code; and
- the volume of work for both the Commission and industry in 2019.

Once we have more certainty about the specific updates to the timeframe for consultation and deliverables for these codes, we will share this information.

### **Wider telecommunications portfolio**

We will continue to right-size other work in the Telecommunications portfolio and progress the work that we have a statutory requirement to deliver, including issuing the initial declaration of Specified Fibre Areas by 1 January 2020.

We are conscious of the wider impact of our work programme on stakeholders and industry. Therefore, we will publish shortly a high level diagram showing our Telecommunication work programme, including Fibre workstreams, and will notify interested parties when this has been produced. We hope that by outlining the state of our current work programme it will provide the industry with more certainty on when you can expect to engage with us on specific projects.

If you have any questions on the revised timeframes noted above please get in touch.

Kind regards

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