

12th February 2020

Commerce Commission
The Terrace
Wellington

By Email

Re: Submission re Levy Consultations 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief submission on the Discussion Paper regarding the Commerce Commission's funding for the regulation of Telecommunications and Fibre under the Telecommunications Act 2001.

We have been consistently supportive of the Commerce Commission's independent role in regulating and monitoring the various aspects of the digital connectivity (telecommunications) market to ensure that it operates for the long term benefit of end users.

We therefore submit this letter of support for the Commission's preliminary recommendation for their medium term priorities and required funding described in the paper as "bridging the gap." We believe that on balance, this will be in the best interest of our members and the wider user community. We note that this is likely to lead to increased demand on our engagement with the Commission, and reiterate our call for the Government to consider how representational associations such as ourselves receive funding for their work in this area. We previously covered this in some depth in our submissions to the review of the Telecommunications Act that led to the 2018 amendments.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Commission on this review.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

