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**The issue**

**Business and/or person you are reporting**

Sky Vodafone Merger

**Location of business and/or person**

Auckland

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**Describe your concerns. Please provide as much detail as you can:**

Good morning,

I ask the Commission to very carefully consider the merger between Sky and Vodafone giving full control to Vodafone.

My concerns are:

[1] The New Zealand taxpayer contribute about \$130,000,000 to the New Zealand elite sports people.

[2] Sky having purchased the rights to broadcast the Olympics has a monopoly on the broadcasting

of the events in New Zealand.

[3] Approximately 60% of all new Zealand Household/Taxpayers do not have access to Sky.

[4] Sky makes no contribution to elite sport in New Zealand apart from broadcasting to their contracted viewers.

[5] It is unreasonable that 60% of New Zealand taxpayers are excluded to sporting events where the athletes are directly funded by all taxpayers.

[6] Allowing this takeover/merger to go ahead gives an overseas company, Vodafone, the rights to exploit the New Zealand taxpayers by limiting the access to New Zealand sports activity to those Taxpayers who sign to a six month contract at around \$90.00 per month.

[7] New Zealand is a low wages country by global standards and a large portion of the population cannot afford the contract terms and costs imposed by Sky now.

[8] By allowing Vodafone control of this activity perpetuates the inequality of sports access for the New Zealand taxpayer.

Kind regards,

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