



13 March 2013

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the extension of the time frame for the UBA wholesale determination process.

TUANZ is of the view that the Commission should continue to work to the existing schedule. Resources have already been allocated, bookings made and so forth, by the various parties and the material facts of the matter won't change between the original deadline the new deadline dates.

The Commission should not concern itself with the Government's policy work and certainly should not allow such policy work to interfere with what is a necessary and legally required process. The industry and customers are waiting for a wholesale price so we can get on with the business of using broadband at a reasonable price, while we wait for fibre to be deployed.

Indeed, TUANZ is of the opinion that having a firm wholesale price for UBA services will be of use during the review of the sector and so it's much better to press on with the work than to wait. We have an election to consider in the middle of all this – waiting for that to pass before continuing means an increase in uncertainty in the market, not a lessening of uncertainty.

Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss this – if you need anything further, don't hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Brislen".

Paul Brislen

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