



TCF Submission to Commerce Commission Re:

Schedule 3 Review Publication of the draft decisions for the review of Schedule 1 Services: number portability, co-location, & interconnection with a PSTN

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A. Introduction

1. The New Zealand Telecommunications Forum (TCF) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Commerce Commission (the Commission) on the Schedule 3 Review Publication of the draft decisions for the review of Schedule 1 Services: number portability, co-location, & interconnection with a PSTN. This submission reflects the TCF position for the Number Portability Service only.
2. The TCF is the telecommunications sector's industry body which plays a vital role in bringing together the telecommunications industry and key stakeholders to resolve regulatory, technical and policy issues for the benefit of the sector and consumers. TCF members provide services to over 95 percent of New Zealand telecommunications consumers.

B. Schedule 1 Service Number Portability

3. It is the TCF's view that the Number Portability service continues to work well and meets the needs of the industry and consumers and continues to promote competition for retail telecommunications fixed and mobile services.
4. The TCF supports the Commission's draft decision and reasoning that an investigation into whether the local and cellular number portability services should be omitted from Schedule 1 of the Act is not required.

5. Once the Commission has made its final decision and if that decision is to retain the number portability services in Schedule 1 of the Act, the TCF would like to consult further with the Commission regarding initiating a process to review the determination before it expires.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Thorn', followed by a horizontal line.

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