

Commerce Commission's Final Decision on the Review of Designated and Specified Services under Schedule 1 of the Telecommunications Act 2001

On 30 June 2016, the Commerce Commission completed its review of 14 of the 16 designated and specified services selected services in Schedule 1 of the Act, as required by clause 1(3) of Schedule 3 of the Telecommunications Act 2001.

A copy of the Commission's reasons for its final decision ([2016] NZCC 13) will be made publicly available on 5 July 2016 at <http://www.comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/telecommunications/regulated-services/service-deregulation-reviews/review-of-schedule-1-selected-services/>

The Commission has decided that there are reasonable grounds to commence an investigation into whether Spark's resale voice services should be deregulated. These services are:

- local access and calling service offered by means of fixed telecommunications network;
- retail services offered by means of a fixed telecommunications network; and
- retail services offered by means of a fixed telecommunications network as part of a bundle of retail services.

The Commission has decided that there are not reasonable grounds at this time to commence an investigation into omitting the following designated and specified services from Schedule 1 of the Act:

- interconnection with a fixed public switched telephone network;
- Chorus' unbundled bitstream access (UBA);
- Chorus' UBA backhaul;
- Chorus' unbundled copper local loop (UCLL);
- Chorus' UCLL network co-location;
- Chorus' UCLL network backhaul (distribution cabinet to telephone exchange);
- Chorus' UCLL network backhaul (telephone exchange to interconnect point);
- Chorus' unbundled copper low frequency service;
- local telephone number portability service;
- cellular telephone number portability service; and
- co-location on cellular mobile transmission sites.

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