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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Telecommunications (Regulated Fibre Service Providers) Regulations 2019

Portfolio **Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media**

On 12 November 2019, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in April 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:
 - 1.1 noted that the Telecommunications Act 2001 was amended in November 2018 to create a new framework for the regulation of wholesale fibre services;
 - 1.2 noted that, as part of this new regulatory framework, certain regulations need to be made to identify the wholesale fibre companies that are subject to price-quality and information disclosure regulations, and to declare certain fibre fixed line access services to be Anchor Services or Direct Fibre Access Services;
 - 1.3 agreed that regulations be made to:
 - 1.3.1 prescribe that Chorus Limited be subject to price-quality regulation and information disclosure regulation in relation to its existing fibre fixed line access services;
 - 1.3.2 prescribe that UltraFast Fibre Limited, Enable Networks Limited, Northpower Fibre Limited, and Northpower LFC2 Limited be subject to information disclosure regulation in relation to their existing fibre fixed line access services;
 - 1.3.3 declare Chorus Limited's voice-only Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) service and 100Mbps/20Mbps UFB broadband service to be Anchor Services, ensuring that the prescribed description and conditions for these services will not be materially different from the services and conditions described in Chorus Limited's UFB contracts;
 - 1.3.4 declare Chorus Limited's UFB service that connects large commercial users, mobile cell sites or fixed wireless sites to the network to be a Direct Fibre Access Service, ensuring that the prescribed description and conditions will not be materially different from the services and conditions described in Chorus' UFB contracts;

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- 2 **noted** that the Telecommunications (Regulated Fibre Service Providers) Regulations 2019 give effect to the above decisions;
- 3 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Telecommunications (Regulated Fibre Service Providers) Regulations 2019 [PCO 22004/6.0];
- 4 **noted** that the Regulations come into force on 20 December 2019, except for regulation 6 (identifying the provider that is subject to price quality regulation), which comes into force on 31 December 2021.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Tracey Martin
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