

SUBMISSION

EXTENSION OF SUPERFAST NETWORKS CARRIER LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The TPG Group is the owner of a significant network that existed before 1 January 2011. It has been extending that network for distances of up to 1 km in order to supply superfast broadband services into multi-dwelling units across Australia.
2. TPG has complied with the requirements of Carrier Licence Conditions (Networks Supplying Superfast Carriage Services to Residential Customers Declaration) 2014 (the “Carrier Licence Conditions”).
3. The purpose of the Carrier Licence Conditions was to provide a period of regulatory certainty which would give the ACCC time to decide on whether to declare the superfast broadband access service.
4. The ACCC has declared the superfast broadband access service. TPG now has as the standard access obligation to give any wholesale customer access to TPG’s superfast broadband network.
5. The primary driver for the Carrier Licence Conditions has therefore been satisfied and there should be no significant ongoing requirement for them.
6. Cutting red tape has been a key part of the Government’s overall strategy to build a stronger, more productive and diverse economy¹.
7. Here is an opportunity for the Government to cut red tape by not continuing regulation that is spent. The opportunity should be seized.

¹ Annual Red Tape Reduction Report 2015(<https://www.cuttingredtape.gov.au/annual-red-tape-reduction-report-2015>)