



**Australian Government**

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development and Communications**

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Dear Mr Lange

I am writing to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) in relation to the *Telecommunications Regulations 2001*, which are scheduled to sunset on 1 April 2021.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications is of the view that the *Telecommunications Regulations 2001* have been operating efficiently and effectively. As a result, the regulations will be remade largely in their current form, subject to updates to reflect current drafting conventions.

There is one exception – the infringement notice scheme in the regulations will be removed because the Attorney-General’s Department has advised that it is no longer consistent with Australian Government policy, insofar as it pertains to non-strict liability offences.

Therefore, the Department’s view is that a Regulation Impact Statement is not required for these regulations to be remade.

The Department has consulted with the Australian Communications and Media Authority, Telstra, Optus, TPG, Communications Alliance and NBN Co. The Department’s calculations of the regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals has been quantified as follows using the Australian Government’s *Regulatory Burden Measurement Framework*:

Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)				
Change in costs (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total change in costs
Total, by sector	\$NIL	\$NIL	\$NIL	\$NIL

I acknowledge that OBPR will publish this letter for transparency purposes.

If you have any queries about this advice, please contact Tristan Kathage on 6271 1951 or [tristan.kathage@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:tristan.kathage@infrastructure.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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