

Advisory Group

# Review of secondary networks

Draft issues and options paper

12 February 2015

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### Recommendations

1. It is recommended the Retail Advisory Group (RAG):
  - (a) **approve** the issues and options paper, *Review of secondary networks: issues and options paper* (attached at Appendix A)
  - (b) **delegate** authority to the chair to finalise the paper in response to feedback from the RAG.

### Rationale

2. At its meeting on 9 December 2014 the RAG members requested the secretariat to provide a revised issues and options paper at its 12 February 2015 meeting.
3. The RAG members asked that the following information be included in the revised paper:
  - (a) the customer impacts of the existing arrangements, including reliability and value
  - (b) the contrast between the responsibilities and obligations of local network owners and secondary network owners
  - (c) the costs and benefits of options, including rationalising the number of types of secondary networks.

### Process

4. The issues and options paper describes the circumstances and issues relating to secondary networks: customer networks; embedded networks; and network extensions.
5. The paper includes:
  - (a) Analysis of the current arrangements, including the effect on the consumer of the efficiency and reliability of secondary networks
  - (b) A contrast between the responsibilities and obligations of local network owners and secondary network owners
  - (c) An assessment of benefits and costs, including rationalising the number of types of secondary networks

### Next steps

6. The next steps are:
  - (a) the paper will be finalised and presented to the Authority Board for feedback

- (b) the paper will be released for consultation after taking into account any feedback from the Authority Board.

**Attachment**

7. The following item is attached to this paper:

- (a) Appendix A: *Review of secondary networks: issues and options* paper

**Appendix A      Review of secondary networks: issues and options paper**