

# NUMBERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes of Meeting 1 of 2008

Friday, 14 March 2008

ACMA, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney

### Attendees: Sydney

Chris Cheah (Chair)	ACMA
Margaret Fleming	Communications Alliance
Alexander Osborne	Hutchison
Geoff Brann	PowerTel/AAPT
Mark Loney	ACMA
John Kington	ACMA

### Attendees: Melbourne

Grant Young	ACCC
Mathew Care	APWA
Michael Elsegood	Optus
Guy Di Paola	Telstra
Karen Price	TIO
Eve Osiowy	ACMA
Mark McGregor	ACMA
Robert Johnston	ACMA
Susan Horne	ACMA
Mary Stavropoulos	ACMA
Harin Perera	ACMA

### Attendees: Melbourne cont.

Maria Berry	ACMA
Anne Chadwick	ACMA
Chris Wong	Item 5.5 ACMA

### Teleconference

Jen Watson	DBCDE
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### Apologies

Genevieve Meadows	ACMA
Jack Singleton	APWA
Mark Kubale	Commander
Sarah Wilson	CTN
Nikki Vajrabukka	DBCDE
Megan McEwin	INMS
Martin Vella	Primus
Mary-Jane Salier	Verizon
Arti Sharma	Vodafone
Jonquil Ritter	ACMA
Dougal Heath	ACMA

## 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The meeting was chaired from ACMA Sydney office. ACMA formally appointed Communications Alliance, the Australian Phone Word Association (APWA) and Powertel as NAC members on 6 March 2008 and welcomed Karen Price as an observer from the TIO. This, along with other minor actions concludes the implementation of NAC review recommendations.

Apologies for the meeting tabled.

## 2. BUSINESS ARISING

### 2.1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting of 10 October 2007 were adopted without amendment.

### Status of actions outstanding since NAC Meeting 3 of 2007

ACMA tabled a paper outlining actions arising from the NAC meeting 3 of 2007.

Reference	Action	Status	Comments	Action
Action 1/3/07	Finalise response to 2/2/07 and send out via NAC email distribution list	Complete	Email distributed to NAC members on 15 October 2007.	ACMA
Action 2/3/07	NPRWG to prepare a list of issues relating to the NP review for reference in going forward.	In progress	List drafted and sent to NPRWG for comment	ACMA
Action 3/3/07	NPRWG to consider which issues fall within its responsibility area and the best way forward.		Will be covered under Action Item 4.3	ACMA
Action 4/3/07	Provide the material used in the last campaign to CTN and incorporate feedback into in future campaigns.	Complete	Sarah Wilson, CTN emailed with material from previous campaign	ACMA
Action 5/3/07	Provide comments to Eve Osiowy re - INMS Report to the NAC on the future of 13/1300/1800 and 191-199 number allocation.	Complete	ACMA has decided to negotiate a new contract with INMS. ACMA received comments from Telstra, Optus and AAPT/Powertel supporting INMS continued role in supplying these services.	NAC Members
Action 6/3/07	INMS to provide more information about the scope of the issue concerning ports. ACMA to consider the issue and report back to next NAC meeting.	In progress	Discussions with INMS and other parties has identified first step is the development of an ACMA "Fact Sheet" on portability obligations. ACMA is working on a draft with INMS.	INMS ACMA
Action 7/3/07	Distribute information paper to the NAC that a draft variation to the Numbering Plan for premium rate numbers 195 and 196 will be released for public consultation shortly.	Complete	Email distributed to NAC members on 16 October 2007.	ACMA
Action 8/3/07	Update on consultation for the variation to the Numbering Plan for Premium Rate Numbers 195 and 196.	Complete	Email distributed to NAC members on 16 October 2007.	ACMA - NAC Secretariat

### 3. REGULAR REPORTS & STANDING ITEMS

#### 3.1 Report on the status of variations to the Numbering Plan

ACMA report tabled. After considering comments from industry, ACMA staff would not be recommending the trial numbers variation. Trials of new services not provided for under the Numbering Plan will be dealt with on a case by case basis. It was suggested this issue be added to the list of numbering plan issues.

#### 3.2 Report on numbering transactions

ACMA report tabled listing allocations, surrenders and permanent transfers of numbers for the period 15 September 2007 to 13 February 2008. No comments.

### 4. UPDATE OF IN-PROGRESS ITEMS

#### 4.1 Data integrity of geographic allocation records

Information Paper tabled on the introduction of a new application form for use by CSPs to vary an allocation of geographic numbers. No comments.

#### 4.2 Update on progress of the Numbering Plan Review Working Group

ACMA advised that a list of longer-term issues related to the NP review has been developed and circulated to members of the WG for comment but that the review guideline is not yet finished.

Concerns were expressed regarding the delays in organising a WG meeting in early 2008 and finalising the review guideline.

<b>Action 1/1/08</b>	<b>The Chair requested the NPRWG present a prioritised list of longer term issues relating to the NP review at the next NAC meeting.</b>
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#### 4.3 Conservation strategies for the supply of geographic numbers.

ACMA reported comments were received from Telstra on the paper on conservation strategies. The NPRWG has also considered the paper and advised that it is not the appropriate forum to consider these strategies.

There was discussion on the need for a larger working supply of numbers in some areas. Portability issues and network conditioning requirements mean larger working blocks of numbers are required in capital cities to offer a short changeover period to attract corporate and government customers.

Further discussion concerned the purpose of the new WG and the outcomes it would seek to achieve.

<b>Action 2/1/08</b>	<b>ACMA (Robert Johnston) will develop a project plan for the proposed Conservation Strategies WG and circulate it to NAC participants out of session.</b>
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#### **4.4 Update report on the Australian ENUM trial and next steps.**

ACMA paper presented summarising the ENUM Trial Evaluation Report by the Australian ENUM Discussion Group (AEDG) working group. The AEDG Infrastructure ENUM Working Group will launch a small-scale, industry-led trial of Infrastructure ENUM in March 2008, to run for 6 months.

It was advised ENUM would no longer be a standing item on NAC agendas. Further reports would be provided as necessary.

#### **5. Redrafted numbering efficiency policies: working supply and 100 number.**

ACMA distributed a paper for comment in February 2008 on working supply and 100 number policies. Comments received from Optus and Telstra who endorsed the updates but had some issues.

There was discussion on if 100 number policy was a short-term solution, whether VoIP players were actually using the numbers allocated in 100 number blocks and if alternative may be to have a single allocation body for smaller CSPs. The need for a large working supply of numbers to facilitate the transfer of corporate and government clients between CSPs was raised again. .

The meeting agreed to endorse the updated policies.

#### **6. Reseller's obligations for providing wholesale account numbers for 13/1300/1800 number portability.**

ACMA is working with INMS to develop a Fact Sheet providing information on number portability and the specific requirement for resellers to provide the wholesale account number immediately on request. The Fact Sheet will be published on ACMA's website and INMS will send it to CSPs in cases of porting delay.

<b>Action 3/1/08</b>	<b>ACMA (Marie Berry) to sent Fact Sheet on number portability to NAC members for comment before release.</b>
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#### **7. Extrinsic issues arising out of the variation to the Numbering Plan for premium rate numbers 195/196.**

ACMA paper presented. PRNs were introduced to accommodate a demand for SMS and MMS services but are also being used for voice services and as a billing mechanism for calls made to other numbers and the definition of a premium rate service does not preclude these uses.

Discussions noted PRNs use was broadly defined to avoid the need for variations to the Numbering Plan as new uses were developed and industry practice is to use 1900 numbers for voice and 195 and 196 numbers for SMS and MMS.

<b>Action 4/1/08</b>	<b>ACMA (Mary Stavropoulos) to liaise with Communications Alliance to obtain comments from its Mobile Premium Services Industry Group on the use of 195 and 196 numbers for services other than SMS and MMS.</b>
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**8. SMS to FLRN implementation.**

An update on the outcome of the industry trial of SMS on FLRNs was requested.

It was reported that the trial coordinated by Communications Alliance was successfully completed. It is now up to interested industry parties to implement the service. The issue of over-dialling was considered by the committee involved in the trial and did not believe it to be a problem.

**9. NAC objectives and agenda setting for the coming year.**

There was agreement that issues that members want to see addressed this year are already on the agenda, particularly those listed in for the Numbering Plan Review WG. Reconsideration of sectors in Capital city SZUs and determining the level of usage of geographic numbers and the purposes for which smaller CSP's use those numbers was also suggested.

**11. New Issues for Next Meeting**

The Numbering Plan Review and the outcomes of the trial of SMS on FLRNs.

A report on the implementation of the 0550 number range was suggested. But as bi-lateral agreements on interconnection are yet to be developed, suggested for the last NAC meeting of the year.

<b>Action 5/1/08</b>	<b>ACMA to put on agenda for last meeting in 2008 – ‘Implementation of 0550 number range report’.</b>
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**12. Other Business**

Telstra has advised subscribers that its 0500 one number service will stop it in April this year. Telstra will probably return approximately 300,000 numbers as a result of the closure of the service.

**13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Friday, 4 July 2008 from 10 am to 1.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm.