



**Key Terminology**

**Carrier/Nominated Carrier** – Under the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Telco Act), a carrier is an entity that holds a carrier licence granted by the ACMA. There are conditions which apply to carriers under the Telco Act and the Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999.

**Potentially chargeable premises** – if a carrier either owns, or is the nominated carrier in relation to, a local access line that is not an exempt line, and the line is used to supply a designated broadband service to a premises in Australia during the whole or part of a month, then the premises is a potentially chargeable premises for that carrier.

**Chargeable premises** - Chargeable premises are potentially chargeable premises associated with a local access line of a carrier if they are not an exempt premises of the carrier for the month. Carriers will be liable to pay the charge for each chargeable premises on their networks during the whole or a part of each month in a financial year.

**Designated broadband service** - a carriage service supplied using a local access line in Australia that enables end-users to download communications and is technically capable of being used to supply a superfast carriage service (a download speed of 25Mbps or more). Voice-only telephone services and broadcast television streaming-only services are excluded from the definition.

**Exempt lines** – Local access lines that are transitioning to NBN Co or being decommissioned under certain agreements, are excluded from the definition of a potentially chargeable premises. The following local access lines are considered exempt lines:

- lines that are transitioning to NBN Co under specified agreements
- lines that are the subject of an agreement between NBN Co and specified companies providing for the deactivation or decommissioning of HFC lines
- lines that are transitioning to NBN Co where a contract was in place prior to 26 May 2020.

**Recently connected greenfield premises** - some carriers can claim a concession for up to 55,000 recently connected greenfield premises per month if they meet certain conditions under section 96B of the TCPSS Act, including having in place:

- a declaration under subsection 63(2) of the Telecommunications Act 1997 to connect premises in particular developments and these connections were made prior to 30 June 2019, or
- premises connected via eligible local bitstream access services (LBAS) under a service declaration with the ACCC ( s152AL(3) of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 for premises supplied between 1 January 2011 and 30 June 2019) and in place immediately before the commencement of Schedule 1 of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Act 2020).

**Potentially concessional premises** – carrier that are not entitled to a concession for recently connected greenfield premises may be entitled to a transitional concession for the first 25,000 small business and residential premises connected to their local access lines. If part of an associated group, this concession can only be claimed by the controller of the associated group. This concession is also available for the first 5 years of the scheme.

For more details, refer to the ACMA website at <https://www.acma.gov.au/regional-broadband-scheme-overview>.

