**COMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE WORKING COMMITTEE 50**

 **Local Number Portability NBN Requirements**

**DRAFT Summary Project Description – Future Number Portability Requirements (V2 – 8 Nov 2012)**

**Scope**

Consideration of:

1. Customer transfer and LNP experiences gained in the NBN environment including customer experience, the type and nature of transactions, systems and process capabilities being deployed and existing and future capability to support high volume migrations and transfers projected in the NBN Co business plan.
2. The different roles of carriers, carriage service providers, access providers, wholesale aggregators, retail service providers and resellers in the LNP process in an NBN environment.
3. The ongoing suitability of the existing bilateral connectivity platform for LNP transactions and the costs and benefits of developing an alternate common connectivity platform as network technologies upgrade from PSTN to IP.
4. Outcomes for customers and industry, taking into account expected longer term service trends, underlying service technologies, interconnect arrangements and international practices. Focus to include service provider entry into the LNP framework and the resultant consumer experience of portability being broadly available across fixed telephony suppliers.
5. Extent to which porting can be achieved without changes to physical infrastructure and customer premises wiring and connectors.
6. Longer term trends in market structure expected in an NBN environment, noting the desirability of a robust level of market place competition at each service delivery layer.
7. Relevant Numbering Plan requirements.
8. Changes to legacy regulation that might impact porting arrangements.
9. Options for obtaining information about the current carriage service provider and relevant numbering information for porting and routing purposes, including identification of migration pathways from current operational systems.

**Process and Timing**

A Working Group on longer term arrangements will be established by the Communications Alliance Operations Council and will:

* build a matrix of longer-term operational portability requirements;
* evaluate potential models and systems – including development and implementation costs - to best meet those requirements;
* take account of learnings from the Working Committee revision of the existing LNP Code;
* consult with key stakeholders, including the ACMA, ACCC and DBCDE; and
* present consolidated industry recommendations on the adoption of optimal future porting arrangements to the Communications Alliance Board of Directors.

The Working Group on long-term arrangements will be established and commence its work coincident with the creation of WC50 LNP Code Revision Working Committee – i.e. by mid-October 2012, and will run in parallel with that Working Committee.

The Working Group will aim to present its initial evaluations and preliminary views to the Communications Alliance Board by the end of calendar year 2013.