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Tuesday, 22nd November 2022

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The ACCC is currently dealing with a range of important issues in telecommunications, the outcomes of which will have far reaching impacts on the development of the sector, competition in the sector, and social and economic consequences of substance. The issues include:

- Merger or similar agreements between telecommunications carriers;
- The impact of scale of sector investment, particularly in high cost regional and rural locations;
- The impact of commercial agreements on the way in which spectrum allocations play out;
- The fairness and reasonableness of access undertakings by NBN Co in relation to price and other terms for the longer-term provision of wholesale broadband access services, and
- Consumer protection measures and developments generally

Anna Brakey, Commissioner for Communications will speak on the challenges and issues currently before the ACCC. The extent to which she is able to address these issues at the event, and to provide detailed answers to questions from the audience, will, of course, depend on how matters have progressed or reached finality. Nevertheless, as many who have dealings with Anna Brakey in her ACCC role will understand, she will likely engage with the audience to the extent that protocols and sensitivities permit.

TelSoc is very pleased that she has agreed to speak on these issues at our event, which is being held immediately following the TelSoc AGM. The TelSoc AGM is open to financial members of TelSoc, but this follow-on event is open to all stakeholders and all who are interested and who register in advance.

Please register via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/anna-brakey-commissioner-accc-on-work-in-the-telecommunications-sector-tickets-460650577277> <sup>[3]</sup>

Zoom joining instructions will be provided to those registered through Eventbrite just prior to the event.

### **Date and Time**

Tue, 22 Nov 2022

12:30 - 14:00 AEDT

### **Location**

Online Event Only  
Melbourne  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Australia

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### **Presenter(s)**

#### **Anna Brakey**

Anna Brakey was appointed a Commissioner of the ACCC in December 2020. She is also an Associate Member of the Australian Communications and Media Authority. On 1 March 2022 Anna commenced as an Associate Member of the New Zealand Commerce Commission.

Anna Brakey has extensive experience in regulatory economics and public policy with over 25 years of experience working with regulators, government and within the private sector. She has had broad exposure to a wide range of infrastructure industries, including energy, water and transport. Additionally, she has worked on economic reform to social policy.

Prior to starting at ACCC, Anna worked as an economist at Frontier Economics and held a number of roles at the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), including being a deputy Tribunal Member, the Executive Director of Strategy and Economic Analysis and the Chief Operating Officer. Anna's expertise includes the Parliamentary Committee process, the New South Wales Department of Transport, the Australian Productivity Commission, the Bureau of Industry Economics and the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Additionally, Anna has worked for the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) on reforms to economic regulation and with the New South Wales Treasury on the sale of assets.

Anna chairs the ACCC's Infrastructure Committee, Communications Committee, Electricity Markets Inquiry Board and East Coast Gas Market Board, and is a member of the ACCC's Competition Exemptions Committee and Agriculture Board.

Anna holds a Bachelor of Economics from Australian National University and a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance and Investment from Securities Institute of Australia. She is also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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