



Media Release

Commpete welcomes new Albanese Ministry

Sydney, 1 June 2022 – Commpete, Australia’s leading alliance of challenger telecommunication companies, has today welcomed the new Albanese Ministry following the Australian Labor Party’s (ALP) federal election victory.

In particular, Commpete congratulates and looks forward to working with the incoming ministers who are key to advancing Australia’s telecommunications services and infrastructure throughout the country:

- Hon. Michelle Rowland MP, Minister for Communications
- Hon. Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
- Hon. Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- Hon. Ed Husic, Minister for Industry and Science

Chair of Commpete Michelle Lim said she looks forward to working with the new government on areas of mutual concern, namely improving mobile connectivity and services for all Australians through improved competition in the telecommunications sector.

“We welcome the new Albanese Government and ministerial appointments at this crucial time for Australia’s telecommunications sector,” Lim said.

“The party’s policies around boosting NBN speeds and improving mobile coverage for those in regional communities, with \$400 million dedicated to this purpose, will go a long way towards ensuring fair and reliable mobile access for all Australians.”

Lim continued that Commpete looks forward to working with the Albanese Government to advance the role of telecommunications to drive Australia’s continuing digital transformation.

“Recent events, including the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters, have demonstrated how crucial it is that consumers, businesses and the wider Australian community remain connected.

“Telecommunications is an essential pillar of our economy and lives, and Australians need flexibility, choice and value with the providers with which they engage.

“We look forward to working with the Albanese Government to ensure these outcomes by advocating for a level playing field for small and large providers, and developing fit-for-purpose policy and regulatory reforms.”

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About Commpete

Commpete is Australia's leading alliance proudly representing non-dominant providers of digital communications for retail and wholesale customers.

Commpete advocates for pro-competition policies and regulation in telecommunications markets. Its vision is to encourage an open access regime with equal, timely access to consumers and business. Its goals are to ensure a market framework where strong independent challengers grow to occupy 30 per cent market share and where new entrants can enter and thrive. We believe a diversity of both smaller and larger industry participants will deliver the best flexibility, value and choice for consumers and businesses in Australia.

When combined, Commpete members represent 1,575 Australian staff, approximately \$1 billion in annual turnover and more than \$250 million combined investments in FY 20/21.