Inquiry into Data Availability and Use Productivity Commission GPO Box 1428 Canberra ACT 2601

16 November 2016

Dear Commissioners,

Re: Submission to the Inquiry into Data Availability and Use

The main point of my submission is that regulation should generally be competitively neutral and should not advantage one side of a commercial transaction by imposing unfair access to data and information.

The attachment sets out a case study about the ways that regulation empowers and validates suppliers collecting their customers' data and information and concludes that there needs to be a comprehensive assessment and review of whether these regulatory impositions are unfairly favouring suppliers through facilitating their access to their customers' data and information.

I look forward to reading your report.

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