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### **Spark New Zealand welcomes Commerce Commission decision to deregulate resale copper voice services**

Spark New Zealand is pleased to see the Commerce Commission confirm its earlier recommendation to remove Spark's resale copper voice services from the Telecommunications Act.

While Spark has provided these services under commercial terms for well over ten years now, the removal of regulation is a positive signal that the regulatory regime can adapt to reflect changing competitive dynamics.

Spark is already well underway in its transition from its legacy PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) to a future-ready IP-based voice network dubbed the 'Converged Communications Network' (CCN). The Commission's final decision today provides further support to, but will not affect the pace of, that transition. The Minister will now consider the Commission's final recommendation.

The final report and related information can be found [here](#).

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