

## Proposed activity

Field	Content
<b>Name of Division/Office</b>	Security and Critical Infrastructure Division (Telecommunications and Surveillance Law Branch)
<b>Title</b>	<i>Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979:</i> (Changes to Obligations for Telecommunications Carriers and Carriage Service Providers – Telecommunications Interception)
<b>Description of issue</b>	<p>The development and implementation of an interception capability determination and a delivery capability determination under sections 189 and 203 of the <i>Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979</i> (the TIA Act) respectively.</p> <p>These determinations will prescribe the requirements for telecommunications industry participants to meet their obligations in relation to the interception and delivery of communications passing over a telecommunications network and related matters under the TIA Act.</p> <p>These changes will provide clarity to industry and agencies alike in relation to obligations to provide assistance in law enforcement and national security matters.</p>
<b>Date of effect</b>	It is expected that the regulatory change will come into effect by the end of the 2008/2009 financial year.
<b>Consultation Opportunities</b>	<p>The Department has undertaken initial consultation with key industry participants on the possible impacts of these changes during the development and implementation of the <i>Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Act 2007</i>.</p> <p>Relevant industry participants will be consulted on the draft instruments.</p> <p>The Department is happy to answer any queries which may arise prior to formal consultation.</p>
<b>Expected timetable</b>	It is anticipated that draft instruments will be available for consultation by the end of 2008 with a view to implementation by mid 2009.
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