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[Assented to 13 November 2000]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Amendment Act 2000*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences, or is taken to have commenced, immediately after the commencement of Schedule 1 to the *Telecommunications*

*(Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Amendment Act
(No. 2) 2000.*

3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Act 1997

1A Section 4

Omit “section 10”, substitute “section 8B”.

1 Section 5 (definition of *participating carrier*)

Repeal the definition.

2 Section 5

Insert:

participating person has the same meaning as in Part 2 of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

3 Section 6

Repeal the section, substitute:

6 Imposition of levy

If a participating person has a levy debit balance for a claim period because of section 20S of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, levy is imposed on that balance.

4 Section 7

Omit “financial year”, substitute “claim period”.

5 Section 8

Repeal the section, substitute:

8 Participating person liable to pay levy

Levy imposed on a participating person’s levy debit balance for a claim period is payable by the participating person.

6 Application

Despite the amendments made by this Schedule, the *Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Act 1997* continues to apply, after the commencement of this item, in relation to levy for a financial year that ended on or before 30 June 2000, as if those amendments had not been made.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
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