**COALITION FOR FAIR INTERNET PRICING**

Q&A

12.30 PM THURSDAY 12 SEPT 2013

***Who is running the Axe the Copper Tax campaign?***

Axe the Copper Tax was founded by Consumer NZ, InternetNZ and the Telecommunications Users Association of New Zealand (TUANZ). It is officially supported by CallPlus and Slingshot, the Federation of Maori Authorities, Greypower, Hautaki Trust, KiwiBlog, KLR Holdings, National Urban Maori Authorities, New Zealand Union of Students’ Associations, Orcon, Rural Women, Te Huarahi Tika Trust and the Unite Union.

***What evidence is there that the Government’s proposals will cost New Zealanders $600 million more than the Commerce Commission says is fair?***

We are releasing today an analysis by Covec which finds not only would the tax transfer $600 million to Chorus from its customers, but that it would slow the uptake of broadband and weaken competition in the telecommunications market.

***What engagement has the Coalition had with the Government?***

Information on today’s announcement has been provided to the Government as a matter of courtesy.

***Why are there no major business associations that usually oppose taxes involved in this campaign?***

A number of other organisations are strongly supportive of the coalition’s aims, including leading telecommunications companies and business groups, but have come under political pressure in recent days not to be part of today’s campaign launch.

***How do members of the public have their say?***

Public submissions to Axe the Copper Tax can be made at [www.med.govt.nz/telcoreview](http://www.med.govt.nz/telcoreview).

***Why is the Axe the Copper Tax being launched just a day before public submissions close?***

Our organisations want to ensure that members of the public know that it’s not too late to Axe the Copper Tax by making a submission at [www.med.govt.nz/telcoreview](http://www.med.govt.nz/telcoreview). Submissions close Friday 13 September at 5pm.