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# Facsimile Cover Sheet

File No: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Mr Warwick Smith  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: 003 442 660

From: Grant Campbell  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10 / 11 / 94  
Pages including this  
cover page: 2

## Comments:

Warwick

Two COT related faxes follow:

1. Allan Smith - Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp.

2. Expression of Interest by Kevin Hodgson

in conjunction with AMR Australia & Dr Gordon Hughes.

Grant

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*Faxed  
details to  
Vic/Tas Region*



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February 9, 1994

Warwick L Smith LLB  
Ombudsman

Ms. Fiona Hills  
Manager, Serious Disputes  
Commercial and Consumer Customer Affairs  
Telecom  
Locked Bag 4960  
MELBOURNE VIC. 8100

Dear Fiona,


Re: *Alan Smith*  
*Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp*  
*Loss of Fax Capacity*

I spoke with Alan Smith on the 9th instant following our discussion on the 8th instant.

He has agreed that this is a new matter and whilst it may be indicating some ongoing problems, it is not a matter that relates directly to the preparation of his material to be presented to the Assessor.

I understand that the facts of this matter relate directly to loss of faxing capacity. Grant Campbell holds the file in this office.

Yours sincerely,

  
Warwick L. Smith  
Ombudsman

Per:

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Facsimile

To Ross Anderson  
Company Telecom Portland  
Facsimile 055 236 56  
From Alan Barrow  
P.T.T.O.1  
Subject COT Case

Network Products  
National Facsimile Support Centre  
23 rd Floor 242 Exhibition St.  
Melbourne. 3000  
Australia  
Telephone 03 634 6993  
Facsimile 03 640 0997

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Date 29 October 1993

Ross,

The following pages are copies of my fax machines journal and the protocol printouts of failed calls.

On the date of 28-OCT-93 we were trying to create a line failure condition that would re-produce the same error on the transmitting machine and no record on the receiving Mitsubishi machine (055 267 230). The reason for this was to show that a sending fax machine could get to the point of transmitting a page to the Mitsubishi fax machine without the Mitsubishi machine having any record of the call.

The COT case call in question was the 27-10-93 at 10:46 on the journal (it is suspected that the clock in this machine is approx ~~1 Hour and 15 Minutes~~ <sup>25-30 mins</sup> in error). The duration of the transmitting machine page of 2:21 minutes suggests that the call failed at the end of the page, possibly when requesting a reply from the receiving end. The presence of the ID in the journal of "055 267230" indicates the call was connected to the Mitsubishi fax machine in question. The receiving Machine has no matching entry in its journal for this call.

A call was placed to 055 267230 and connectivity terminated at the beginning of the page but this resulted in an error of NG in the journal along with the ID of the calling fax machine. The only way to reproduce the conditions experienced above was to interrupt the power on the receiving Mitsubishi fax machine. This would result in an entry in the transmitting machine and no entry whatsoever in the receiving Mitsubishi machine.

During testing the Mitsubishi fax machine, some alarming patterns of behaviour were noted, these affecting both transmission and reception. Even on calls that were not tampered with the fax machine displayed signs of locking up and behaving in a manner not in accordance with the relevant CCITT Group 3 fax rules. A half A4 page being transmitted from this machine resulted in a blank piece of paper 4cm long. the relevant protocol printout in sample #2 shows that the machine sent the correct protocol at the end of the page. Even if the page was sent upside down the time and date and company name should have still appeared on the top of the page, it wasn't. During a received call the machine failed to respond at the end of the page even though it had received the entire page (sample #3). The Mitsubishi fax machine remained in the locked up state for a further 2 minutes after the call had terminated, eventually advancing the page out of the machine.

Regards  
Alan Barrow

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SAMPLE #2

# PROTOCOL MONITOR

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DATE/TIME  
LOCAL TERMINAL ID.  
LOCAL TERMINAL NAME  
COMPANY LOGO

28-10-83 12:09 PM  
6136400997  
03 6400997  
0

\*\*\* RECEIVE \*\*\*

No	REMOTE STATION	START TIME	DURATION	#PAGES	MODE	RESULTS
1	055 267230	28-10-83 12:06 PM	1'02"	1		COMPLETED 9600

COM:0      G3S:0      G3R:0      ECM:0      CSI:1      CIG:0  
 CFG:4      RHP:0      LGO:0      THP:1      W/B:74      EGL:08

VERSION: KM1=X01.09 KM2=R01.09 KSP= 02.00 KCP=R04.03

LAPSE	LOCAL	REMOTE	FCF	FIF
2-35	→ CED		20	00001917C0A0DEC1C061F9D8A4A081010A373939S030343620
6-47	→ NSF		40	3330
7-42	→ CSI		80	00CEE804
8-18	→ DIS		43	30333237363220353530202020202020202020202020202020
10-48		← TSI	83	0006A800
11-19		← DCS		
11-47		← TRN		
11-59		← TRN		
11-59		← TCF		
12-56	* →		EQM	00B3
13-22		← TCF	84	
14-28	CFR →			
15-58		← PIX		
33-03		← PIX	2F	
35-58		← EOP	3C	
37-21	MCF →		FB	
38-18		← DCN		

*mitsubishi to my xerox  
 Received a piece of paper  
 4cm long (blank)  
 XEROX Telecopier 7017*

*Although the page was  
 error-free, it did not  
 terminate correctly &  
 did not have any informatio  
 on it.*

*Page received*  
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Internal Memo



To Kenneth McKinlay  
Operations Processes &  
Support

From Ann Law

Commercial Vic/Tas  
540 Springvale Road  
GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150

Subject Cape Bridgewater Holiday  
Camp - Alan Smith

File VSE/45

Date 9 December, 1993

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Australia

Telephone 550 7626  
Message Bank  
Facsimile 562 1926

Distrib.

Enclosed is a reply from the Charging and Billing Directorate regarding Mr Smith's charging complaint. It refers to tests required regarding charge circuit and other possible faults. Please provide information on the progress of such testing.

*Rosanne Pittard*

Rosanne Pittard  
General Manager  
Commercial & Consumer Vic/Tas

*Ann*  
*Letter to Ken McKinlay*  
*on Paul Kettle*  
*Enclosed is reply for*  
*C&BD regarding Smith's charging*  
*complaint. It refers to*  
*tests required regarding*  
*charge circuit with*

*other possible faults.*  
*Please provide information*  
*on progress of such testing.*

*R. L.*  
*Power & Standards*  
*Department*  
*File: 600 3796*

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**SELWYN COHEN**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**

Level 3  
450 St Kilda Road  
Melbourne, Victoria 3004

Telephone: (03) 866 5255  
Facsimile: (03) 866 4314

**FACSIMILE MESSAGE**

<b>DATE:</b>	21ST JANUARY 1994
<b>TO:</b>	ALAN SMITH
<b>FROM:</b>	SELWYN COHEN
<b>FACSIMILE NO.:</b>	(055) 267 230
<b>NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING HEADER SHEET:</b>	1 (ONE)

Dear Alan

**OUTSTANDING FAX**

I refer to your facsimile of 10.42 a.m. on 17th January 1994. The fax cover sheet refers to 7 pages being sent. Unfortunately, I only received 2 pages.

Please forward the remaining 5 pages to enable me to begin the required work.

Kind regards,

  
SELWYN COHEN

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CAMERON  
Barristers & Solicitors

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OUR REF:

YOUR REF:

D TWIGG  
SMIT3001-001

2 February 1994

Mr A Smith  
RMB 4408  
Cape Bridgewater  
PORTLAND VIC 3305

Dear Mr Smith,

Re: FACSIMILE DIFFICULTIES

We note that you did not receive two pages at all and only the number 2 from the third page and the signature from the last page of the facsimile sent to you at approximately 2.23 p.m. on the 1st February, 1994.

It was successfully sent approximately two hours later.

Yours faithfully,  
STEDMAN CAMERON

Per: 

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# Communications and the Arts

Our Reference:

Your Reference:

Contact:

**FAXED**  
25.2.94

25 February 1994

Mr Jim Holmes *104*  
Corporate Secretary  
Telstra Corporation  
41st Floor  
242 Exhibition St  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Mr Holmes

Attached are copies of correspondence received by the Hon Michael Lee MP from Mr Alan Smith of Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp, Victoria, outlining further difficulties he is having with his telephone and facsimile service.

I ask that you investigate Mr Smith's allegations and take all appropriate steps to resolve his problems. I have also written to AUSTEL asking that the matter be included in the scope of its investigation into Telecom's handling of the COT cases.

Yours sincerely

*Fay Holthuisen*

Fay Holthuisen  
Assistant Secretary  
Regulatory Policy Branch  
Telecommunications Policy Division

*S/ send her original to Steve Black pl.*

*Steve further to fax already on-forwarded to you. Please confirm you will acknowledge direct to Fay Holthuisen*

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Internal Memo

To Gerry Moriarty  
 Managing Director, Network Products

From Steve Monro  
 Manager

Subject Customer Complaint

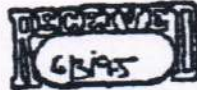
Commercial & Consumer  
 Customer Response Unit  
 2/242 Exhibition Street  
 Melbourne, Vic 3000

Australia  
 Telephone 03 632 3224  
 Facsimile 03 634 8728

Date 3 March 1995

Pager 016 378429

File



Attention

- CC D Campbell  
 T Benjamin  
 S Black  
 G Campbell

This memo seeks your personal attention to a customer complaint that has the potential to become a significant corporate issue.

On 19 January, 1995 a complaint was referred to this office through the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman's Office. The complaint concerned a customer who claimed that his 1800 number was not connected until 7 months after the service was launched and 7 months after he started advertising it.

A copy of the original complaint is at Attachment 1. The result of our investigations was an assurance that there could not have been a failure of the magnitude claimed on the customer's 1800 service. See Attachment 2. Additionally, a check of his 1800 account demonstrates a significant increase in call traffic that is assumedly associated with the commencement of a promotional campaign featuring 1800 number only.

However, during the investigation of the issues raised by the customer, other factors were uncovered that have a direct bearing on the complaint and have undermined my confidence in the initial advice.

Following up on a report that there may have been delays in conditioning some exchanges, I was informed that most metropolitan customers had access to 1800 by 20 September 1993. Further, while there were some acknowledged implementation problems in country NSW, it is assumed that all exchanges were conditioned within 4-6 weeks after 20 September (as) there were no further network faults being reported. Apparently, fault reporting was used to identify country exchanges that had not been conditioned. See Attachment 3.

The reported failure to provide universal exchange conditioning by the 1800 Service launch date was compounded by file copies of E-Mails that suggest even wider problems with access to 1800 at launch. At least one 10,000 number range was missed in Perth, and 1,000 number

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blocks were missed elsewhere, although we had no working services on these ranges. See Attachment 4.

The most disturbing feature was the report that the 747 and 767 number ranges were missed. After being assured that all numbers were conditioned in blocks of 10,000 it is confusing that two 1,000 number ranges were missed. There is no indication that the complainants service was adversely effected, by these missed number ranges. However, the complainants number 1800 777 592 is perilously close.

I need to be absolutely certain of the facts in my reply to the TIO. Unfortunately, I have lost confidence in the reliability or completeness of the advice I am receiving.

I am therefore seeking your personal intervention to confirm:

1. The date on which all exchanges were confirmed as conditioned to switch Free call number 1800 777 592.
2. If this date is not the 20 September 1993, what percentage of customers did not have access to 1800 777 592 up to that date.

This particular customer's behaviour has been particularly rude. See Attachment 5. He is also threatening. He has allegedly been described as a vexatious litigant and is undoubtedly the most foul mouthed customer with whom I have had dealings. There is a strong likelihood that he will continue action against Telecom through all means available. An FOI request could obviously be very embarrassing without a clear, consistent picture of exchange conditioning.

The deadline to resolve this issue with the TIO has expired. We are currently preparing an interim reply. However, we also have an outstanding billing dispute as the customer is refusing to pay bills when he has an outstanding compensation claim. Unfortunately, normal credit management practices would expand the compensation claim if a link can be established between failure of calls on 1800, loss of business and a consequential inability to pay Telstra bills.

I therefore urgently seek your assistance in obtaining a quick response to the above questions.

*Steve Monroe*

Steve Monroe  
Manager  
Customer Response Unit

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CALL DETAILS

055 267230

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DAY	DATE AND TIME	CALL TYPE	NUMBER DIALLED	WAIT TIME (SEC)	CONV. TIME (SEC)	METER MKTER	METER PULSE REC'D	RA	R	O
MON	31/01/94 06:46:12	OAS	1	3599	3910?		0	N		
MON	31/01/94 09:08:02	OAS	032877009103	18	0	WIDOW NO.	0	Q	WILL	GEVE GUY
MON	31/01/94 09:08:20	ONU	1100	22	772		0	L		
MON	31/01/94 09:21:37	OAS	032860055	26	10	C.M.	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 09:29:15	ONU	1100	22	97		0	L		
MON	31/01/94 09:38:01	OAS	038287342	31	202	DIGITAL	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 09:43:28	OAU	234780	22	16	LOCAL CALL	0	L		
MON	31/01/94 09:57:12	OAS	032877001	39	86	FAC TO C.M.	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 10:06:12	OAS	032778777	32	33	T. GUY...	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 10:10:58	OAS	087258158	31	137	DUNSTON WST.	0	F		
MON	31/01/94 10:13:45	OAS	057252364	12	0		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 10:13:58	OAS	057252364	24	0	LOCAL CALL	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 10:14:22	OAS	057286234	27	0	NO STA	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 10:14:54	OAS	057252364	17	0	WAS REC.	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 10:17:32	OAU	286234	27	70		0	L		
MON	31/01/94 10:27:42	OAS	036327700	26	28		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 10:45:00	OAS	036174617	37	51		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 10:46:44	ONU	0175	24	61		0	L		
MON	31/01/94 10:54:52	OAS	008033849	29	216		0	N		
MON	31/01/94 11:15:43	OAS	032877099	27	0		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 11:16:19	OAS	078925040	13	0	C.M.	0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:18:17	OAS	078925040	13	0		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:20:40	ONU	013	9	0		0	L		
MON	31/01/94 11:21:03	OAS	078925040	12	0		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:23:46	OAS	078925040	11	0		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:25:29	OAS	078925040	12	0		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:26:18	OAS	0789250401	33	119		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:31:28	OAS	078925040	12	0		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:37:43	OAS	078925040	12	0		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:41:35	OAS	032877099	27	129		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 11:44:37	OAS	038893543	27	85		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 11:46:44	OAS	078925040	13	0		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:52:03	IA		4	93		0			
MON	31/01/94 11:56:33	OAS	078925040	11	0		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 11:56:47	ONU	1100	22	157		0	L		
MON	31/01/94 11:59:50	OAS	078925040	27	432		0	Y		
MON	31/01/94 12:07:48	IA		4	54		0			
MON	31/01/94 12:09:02	OAS	038893543	27	260		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 12:20:15	OAS	038893543	33	103		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 12:22:39	OAS	0367073103670721	35	82		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 12:35:16	OAU	231000	24	597		0	L		
MON	31/01/94 14:15:11	OAS	036346671	37	25		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 14:16:53	OAS	036343876	38	46		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 14:18:54	OAS	022642044	37	45		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 14:26:04	OAS	038203021	37	34	AUSTAL	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 14:49:30	OAS	038203021	38	93	AUSTAL	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 14:51:46	OAS	038893543	27	104		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 14:55:14	OAS	035681824	35	16	PAC...	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 14:56:04	OAU	234780	23	96		0	L		
MON	31/01/94 15:12:24	OAS	036707211	30	1010		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 15:29:52	OAS	031	7	0		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 15:30:18	OAS	032877099	19	0	AUSTAL...	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 15:32:19	OAS	032877099	40	128	C.M.	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 15:42:46	OAS	032877099	28	15		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 15:43:45	OAU	217777	25	165		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 15:47:13	OAS	053428357	16	0		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 16:05:11	IA		4	112		0			
MON	31/01/94 16:24:18	OAS	035622080	39	110		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 16:26:54	OAS	032877099	28	313	C.M.	0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 16:32:51	IA		3	61		0			
MON	31/01/94 17:21:51	OAS	038287342	32	1178		0	Q		
MON	31/01/94 17:57:53	OAS	0534283575	48	2464		0	Q		

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MON 31/01/94 18:43:51	OAS	032877099	1607	Am	0	Q	
MON 31/01/94 19:11:16	IA		4	70	0		
MON 31/01/94 19:19:46	OUU	0175	22	41	0	L	
MON 31/01/94 19:21:22	OUU	0175	25	160	0	L	
MON 31/01/94 21:06:30	OAS	035681824	30	6407	FA-12 SMITH	0	Q
MON 31/01/94 22:58:43	OAS	1	3599	3059	?	0	N

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DAY DATE AND TIME	CALL TYPE	NUMBER DIALLED	WAIT TIME (SEC)	CONV. TIME (SEC)	METER REC'D	METER PULSE	DIFF	RA	R	O
MON 31/01/94 15:01:00	OAS	032877099	582	582	14			Q		
MON 31/01/94 15:11:14	OUU		191	0	0			?		

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