

Clear Networks Complaint Handling Process - Summary

Summary

Clear Networks is committed to working with our customers and believe you have a right to complain, and if you do we will deal with your complaint in a fair, efficient, objective manner and through a transparent process.

We strive to solve any problems you may have during your first contact with us.

Our complaint handling process complies with the requirements of the Telecommunications Consumer Protections Code C628:2012 (TCP Code) and responsibility for compliance with the process lies with our Chief Executive Officer.

Free of charge

We will not charge you for dealing with your complaint in most instances, and we will never charge you without telling you first.

We may charge you to recover our costs in very specific circumstances only, i.e. we may charge you where you request information that was collected more than two years ago or where you request information that is not free of charge as per our Standard Customer Contract.

If cost recovery charges apply, we will tell you before charging you (and you may of course choose not to pay and discontinue your complaint) and we will inform you about your options for external dispute resolution, e.g. the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO).

How to make a complaint?

Please contact us using one of the following methods with your complaint details:

Contact	Complaints Contact Information	Contact Hours and Information
Operational Hours 9:00am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday – excluding public holidays		
Telephone	1300 855 215 (select 2 on your phone for 'existing customer' and then Press 3)	9:00am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday Excluding public holidays
Email	sales@clearnetworks.com.au	As a guide - Emails will be responded to within 48 business hour during the above times
Postal Address	Clear Networks P.O. Box 209, Kerrimuir Vic 3129	As a guide – mail received will be responded to within 48 hours of receipt during business hours

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Fax	1300 139 774	As a guide - Faxes will be responded to within 48 hours of receipt during business hours

If you are calling us from a landline, your call will be billed by your provider based on your agreement with that provider. Note that calling us from a mobile may be more expensive and if you request so we will be happy to call you straight back on your mobile or landline.

We will help you formulating, lodging and progressing your complaint if you request this.

Of course you can appoint an authorised representative or advocate to make a complaint on your behalf. For help with how to appoint an authorised representative, please go to <http://www.clearnetworks.com.au/internet/terms-and-conditions/authorise-representative> or ask us to provide this information and we can send it to you via email or post.

What we will do

Acknowledge...

We will acknowledge your complaint immediately if you complained over to us over the phone, and within 2 working days if you have lodged your complaint through any other channel including where you left a message on our answering machine (e.g. outside our office hours).

When we acknowledge your complaint we will give you a unique reference number or similar to enable you to easily follow up on your complaint. We will also give you an indicative timeframe for resolving your complaint. You can follow up on your complaint by calling our customer care team on 1300 855 215, contact us via email sales@clearnetworks.com.au or alternatively any of the other contact methods listed above.

...And Solve

Our goal is to always fix your problem during your first contact with us.

Sometimes this is not possible and we need to investigate the matter. We will then agree with you on how to fix your problem (this may include waiving of fees or other commercial solutions) and advise you accordingly within 15 working days of receiving your complaint. We will advise you in writing if you request this.

Occasionally it may take longer than 15 working days to investigate your problem and in this case we will explain why and give you a new expected timeframe.

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If the delay is more than 10 working days (and is not the result of a Mass Service Disruption) we will also inform you about your options for external dispute resolution such as the TIO.

We will implement all actions required to fix your problem within 10 working days unless you agreed otherwise or unless you have not done something that we needed you to do and we cannot proceed because of this.

What if your complaint is urgent?

Your complaint will be treated as urgent

- if you have applied for being in financial hardship under our Financial Hardship Policy and the issue you are complaining about directly contributes to the Financial Hardship you are experiencing, or
- if your service has been disconnected or is about to be disconnected and due process has not been followed, or
- if you are receiving Priority Assistance (e.g. because of a severe medical condition) for the service you are complaining about.

In this case we will agree with you on how to address the issue and implement all required actions to fix the issue within 2 working days. If there is a delay, we will explain why, provide you with a new expected timeframe, and if it is a longer delay also inform you about your options for external dispute resolution such as the TIO.

If you are unhappy with our efforts

If you tell us that you are not satisfied with the complaint timeframes, its progress or the outcome or if you tell us your complaint ought to be treated as urgent, we will escalate your complaint internally. If you are still dissatisfied, we will inform you about your options for external dispute resolution such as the TIO.

We will never cancel your service only because you have contacted an external dispute resolution scheme.

Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO)

We encourage you to always contact us first if you experience any problem or are unhappy. We will do our best to solve your problem during our first contact.

You can contact the TIO as follows:

Phone: 1 800 062 058

Fax: 1 800 630 614

Online: <http://www.tio.com.au/making-a-complaint>

The services of the TIO are free of charge