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## TERMINATION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH AGL IN RELATION TO UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL

Vocus Group Limited ("Vocus" or "the Company") (ASX:VOC) refers to its announcement on 11 June 2019 that it had received an unsolicited proposal from AGL Energy Limited ("AGL") to acquire all of the shares in Vocus at a price of A\$4.85 per share in cash, to be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement (the "Unsolicited Proposal").

The Company advised in communications to the market at that time that there was no certainty that the Unsolicited Proposal would result in a binding offer for Vocus, but that the Board of Vocus had decided to grant exclusive due diligence to AGL to enable AGL to potentially put forward a formal binding proposal.

AGL has this morning decided not to proceed with the transaction outlined in the Unsolicited Proposal and discussions with AGL in relation to the Unsolicited Proposal have now ceased.

The CEO of Vocus, Kevin Russell, commented "As we have repeatedly said, this is a three year turnaround. We have great confidence that our strategy and ability to execute our business plan will deliver significant value to our shareholders in the medium to long term. There is growing demand for our strategically valuable network assets and we have a substantial opportunity for Vocus Networks to gain market share. This is the core of our business. The Vocus management team will now be able to focus all of their attention on realising the opportunity that we have ahead of us."

### **Vocus Investor Strategy Day**

Vocus announced at its interim FY19 results that it intended to conduct a strategy update for investors. This is scheduled for 3 July.

### **Outlook**

The Company reiterates its FY19 guidance as stated on 27 February 2019, with Underlying EBITDA expected to be between \$350 – 370 million.

### **ENDS**

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## About Vocus

Vocus Group Limited (ASX: VOC) is a specialist fibre network services provider operating Australia's second largest inter-capital network as well as back haul fibre connecting most regional centres in Australia. Vocus also operates an extensive and modern network in New Zealand, connecting the country's capitals and most regional centres. In total, the Vocus terrestrial network is c.30,000 route-km of high performance, high availability fibre-optic cable supported by 4,600km of submarine cable connecting Singapore, Indonesia and Australia and 2,100km of submarine cable between Port Hedland and Darwin and connecting offshore oil and gas facilities in the Timor Sea. Vocus owns a portfolio of brands catering to enterprise, government, wholesale, small business and residential customers across Australia and New Zealand.