

AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER COMMENCES FEDERAL COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST OPTUS

Today the Australian Information Commissioner (**AIC**) has filed proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia against Singtel Optus Pty Limited and Optus Systems Pty Limited (the **Optus Entities**) alleging breaches of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) in relation to the cyberattack in September 2022.

The Optus Entities will review and consider the matters raised in the proceedings and will respond to the claims made by the AIC in due course.

At this stage, the Optus Entities are not able to determine the quantum of any penalties. That is ultimately a matter for the Federal Court to determine. If a contravention is found, the Court will consider a number of factors and apply a penalty amount it determines overall as appropriate based on the events that occurred. It is not necessarily a direct calculation based on the number of contraventions.

As the matter is now before the Australian Courts, the Optus Entities will not be commenting further at this time.

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