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ACMA Federal Court proceedings against Optus commence

Optus Mobile Pty Limited (Optus Mobile) announced on 22 May 2024 that the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) had filed proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia in relation to the cyber attack in September 2022.

ACMA's claim alleges 3.6 million breaches of the Australian Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (Cth).

Optus Mobile intends to defend these proceedings.

At this stage, Optus Mobile is not able to determine the quantum of penalties, if any, that could arise. 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.

Optus is only aware of approximately 10,200 customers having had their personal information published on the internet as a result of the cyber attack and the authorities continue to monitor for any misuse of this data. Optus has taken significant steps, including working with the police and other authorities, to mitigate potential harm to customers impacted by this attack.

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