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New Affordable Devices service to help consumers meet costs of connectivity

The Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) is glad to announce the launch of the **Affordable Devices** service, an extensive database of retailers and organisations which help consumers access free or low-cost mobile phones, laptops, tablets and desktops.

Affordable Devices is a result of research commissioned by ACCAN. It lists sources of low-cost devices, filtered by the State or Territory in which they are based, and provides detail as to whether the listed website is screen reader-friendly.

ACCAN's Director of Operations Tanya Karlychuk said that consumers looking for refurbished and otherwise low-cost devices will benefit from the *Affordable Devices* service.

"Consumers have been telling us that the cost of connectivity is becoming more of a burden as other living costs rise. *Affordable Devices* helps to fill an information gap by pointing consumers towards resellers and programs which meet their affordability, accessibility and device needs."

"*Affordable Devices* will sit alongside other ACCAN resources, including our [guide to cheaper phone and internet plans](#) and [Accessible Telecoms](#), ACCAN's hub for assistive phones and tech. We welcome people's feedback on this new feature," Ms Karlychuk said.

Affordable Devices was launched on Wednesday 20th March in tandem with [A Digital Inclusion Approach to Device Donation and Reuse](#), a research paper from the Australian Digital Inclusion Alliance. In due course, it will be housed on the [Accessible Telecoms](#) website.