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To whom it may concern

RE: ACCC Enquiry into Mobile Roaming – Letter of Support

I write today to convey our Council's concern regarding regulated mobile roaming and fully support Telstra's opposition to same.

It is our opinion that regulated mobile roaming would effectively remove the incentive for telecommunication companies to invest in rural and regional Australia, where more coverage is paramount. To date, Telstra's increased and enhanced coverage has been one of the most important issues for the development of communities and industries in regional Australia such as ours.

Should the ACCC regulate mobile roaming further investments would become uneconomic, undermining Telstra's ability to continue to invest in the regional network.

Regional Australia should not have to miss out on the opportunities that mobile technologies provide. Council feels that the unfortunate consequence of this regulation would result in a transfer of value from regional Australia to the cities.

Yours faithfully



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