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To Whom It May Concern

Mobile Roaming – ACCC Draft Decision

Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) is the facilitating organisation for the Gulf Savannah Region to drive economic development projects and initiatives for the benefit of its stakeholders. This includes the following North West Queensland (NWQ) Councils: Burke Shire, Carpentaria Shire, Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council and Mornington Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

GSD applauds the ACCC's draft decision on Mobile Roaming as handed down on 5 May 2017 and would urge the ACCC to confirm this decision in hanging down its final decision.

GSD is currently working with the Queensland Department of State Development and Telstra to progress a range of telecommunication projects in NWQ that will simply not progress if there were to be a declaration of mobile roaming. These projects are designed to build new capabilities and additional resiliency into NWQ's digital infrastructure, exactly the kinds of investment that would be dis-incentivized if mobile roaming were declared.

As these projects are not commercially viable in and of themselves, it is important that governments (federal, state, local) and telcos join forces in their delivery. Any decision that reduces the likelihood of telco-based investment is one that will stop important projects that expand capability and build resiliency from going ahead.

GSD supports the draft decision on mobile roaming and looks forward to its confirmation.

Yours sincerely,

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Our Vision: "The Gulf Savannah will be recognised nationally as a dynamic region where people want to invest, work, live and play."



