

**BUNDABERG**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Australian Competition & Consumer Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern

**Re: Domestic Mobile Roaming Declaration Inquiry**

After examining the Domestic Mobile Roaming Declaration Inquiry Draft Decision handed down in May 2017, Bundaberg Regional Council wish to register our support of the ACCC not to declare a domestic mobile roaming service.

It is evident to Council after reading the Draft Decision, that the ACCC has undertaken a full examination of all the complex matters at play, and that your preliminary finding that the national retail mobile services market is currently exhibiting signs of reasonably effective competition is sound.

We are pleased to see that such a thorough examination of this issue has now been conducted as mobile coverage and network capacity is such an important factor for people choosing to live, work and invest in regional Australia. While it was easy to believe that Telstra due to their extensive network coverage would have such an advantage that it would jeopardise competition, but were pleased to see that the ACCC did not think this was sufficient to justify declaration of a roaming service.

We were also pleased to read that national uniform prices means that competition in the national market is effective for consumers in all areas.

Council supports the ACCC's suggestion to encourage greater transparency about network quality, expansions and improvements and note in a recent Telstra media release dated 5 May 2017, their commitment to invest a further \$1B to improve and expand their mobile network in small towns and regional centres across the country in the next 5 years. We would certainly welcome some of this investment in our region.

We wish the ACCC well in making their final determination.

Yours sincerely

Jack Dempsey  
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