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Accc Draft Decision not to declare Domestic Roaming

As a member of a rural fire service based in Merrijig, regional Victoria, I wish to praise the ACCC's draft decision to not mandate mobile roaming.

As stated in our original submission our members and volunteers rely heavily on their mobile communications and data technology. As technology has advanced the ability to fight a fire situation with more readily available data at our finger tips, helps save time and lives.

In our submission I stated that domestic roaming would have dramatic consequences for our region and stifle the continued investment we've seen to date of the mobile network coverage. One of the other risks is the potential for increased costs, which would ultimately be transferred onto the end user. As a small regional fire service we would be significantly impacted by any additional costs.

Our organisation would like to see increased investment into the Mobile Black Spot Programme, which has already provided carriers a great incentive to invest in new coverage across this region. Further support of this program will incentivise carriers to continue to participate in the programme.

Our members welcome the draft decision not to declare mobile roaming and we look forward to seeing this enquiry resolved.

Regards

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