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Mobile Roaming Inquiry
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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RE: ACCC draft decision to not regulate mobile roaming

Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) is in support of the ACCC draft decision to “**not** mandate roaming between mobile operators”. We do not believe that allowing other telco providers access to Telstra’s and Optus’ infrastructure is going to necessarily provide a better mobile coverage or offer cheaper mobile prices for users in rural and remote areas.

It is critical for rural and regional areas to have access to fast and reliable mobile and data services to support businesses, tourism, emergencies and generally people living in these rural and remote areas. Telstra has invested extensively into their regional network to provide fast and reliable coverage reducing mobile black spots since connectivity is the biggest issue for people living and traveling around rural and remote areas.

Telstra, have already invested large amounts in these areas and would be the only providers with the national infrastructure, commitment and revenue large enough to support the necessary ongoing investment and opportunities and as such, should be permitted to operate as the only provider.

Yours sincerely



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