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## ACCC Enquiry into Mobile Roaming – Letter of Support

To Whom it may Concern

I write today to convey our Councils' concern regarding regulated mobile roaming and fully support Telstras' 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, Telstras 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 Telstras 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 Sincerely,

John Wharton AM

MAYOR