

Surfing Western Australia would like to further our submission with the following comments:

Firstly we welcome the draft decision from the ACCC to not regulate mobile roaming.

Secondly, Surfing WA noted in its earlier submission to the inquiry that other telecommunication providers are seeking to gain market share without making their own investment in a market that is geographically remote and is further limited by potential ongoing revenue streams that are also low due to the number of potential consumers.

As Surfing WA also noted, if there was enough revenue and a strong business case, then other telecommunication companies would have invested in the national infrastructure.

Telstra has clearly demonstrated the greatest capacity and appetite to invest in the regions which indicates we should continue to let market forces drive that investment.

Surfing WA found it confusing that in a free market, where a company is investing for a sustainable point of difference, they should be targeted and be required to share that advantage.

We obviously agree with these sentiments and now look forward to the inquiry hopefully confirming its draft decision as soon as possible so that investment in rural and remote mobile coverage is not put at further risk and can continue.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Thirsk', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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