



To: Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC)

Re: Draft Decision - Domestic Mobile Roaming Declaration Inquiry 2016

Submission: Shared Roaming Services

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Letter of Support of Draft Mobile Roaming Inquiry Decision – No further regulations on sharing mobile roaming

TasICT is the Tasmanian Industry Peak Body representing the Information, Communication and Technology sectors to government, educational institutions, the media and a variety of other industry sectors. We do this by developing policy, running important industry programs, providing support to our industry and events which support and promote the sector.

TasICT represents 90 organisations in the State of Tasmania. They include telecommunications, internet providers, developers, technologists, hardware specialists and organisations which utilise technology that may be outside the innovation and technology industries.

We have examined the draft mobile roaming inquiry decision and would like to commend the ACCC for sound and reasonable findings. TASICT believes that regional investment is best served by reasonable and appropriate regulations which are beneficial to all providers within our sector. Investment in infrastructure must thrive and be promoted. This draft decision supports this concept by encouraging organisations who wish to expand their coverage to build the network which they wish to sell into and appropriately rewards the companies who have already invested in regional connectivity.

Australia needs more investment in bringing technology to all areas (regional and urban). Globally, Australia is still behind in coverage and still lacks some of the most current advancements in technology investment. Our belief remains that shared roaming would most likely decrease investment in further infrastructure and will most likely see increases in prices. We have not seen evidence where regulated shared roaming has been successful elsewhere in the world. In fact, countries who have enacted similar regulations are now trying to reverse these regulations.

If you require any additional information from TasICT, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Kestin".

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