

21 November 2016

To: ACCC mobileroaminginquiry@accc.gov.au

From: Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI)

Re: ACCC mobile roaming inquiry

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing on behalf of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) in relation to the current Inquiry into mobile roaming.

Tasmania is the most decentralised state in Australia with the majority of people and businesses located outside of Hobart, Tasmania's major metropolitan capital city. Tasmania has mountainous terrain, which requires high levels of capital investment for telecommunications providers.

We highly value mobile phone coverage and capacity in regional areas and we also expect the mobile network in Tasmania to be equivalent in technology type to Australia's major metropolitan areas.

As such, any changes to regulations that either threaten the future deployment of mobile phone infrastructure to provide additional coverage throughout Tasmania; or create disincentives for telecommunications carriers to invest in advanced technologies providing network equivalence to Australia's major metropolitan areas is contrary to our members' interests.

Consequently, we do not support changes to the current regulatory settings relating to mobile roaming which in our view, provide incentives to telecommunications carriers to invest capital into regional areas and receive an adequate return on their investment. To diminish these regulatory settings is a dangerous precedent for Australian businesses and may have wider implications for capital investment in other industries.

Yours sincerely



Michael Bailey
Chief Executive Officer