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To whom it may concern

Thank you for the recent ACCC draft decision not to regulate mobile roaming. I welcome this draft decision.

The decision paper shows that on balance regulated roaming would be bad for mobile customers because it would probably reduce investment without extending mobile coverage, particularly in areas like regional Queensland.

As the elected member for Hervey Bay I understand the importance of mobile coverage in regional areas.

Fraser Island is one area in my electorate that I wish to bring to your attention. Fraser Island is a large tourist drawcard for our region but has quite patchy mobile coverage. It is a classic candidate for investment from the Mobile Black Spot Program. I remain very concerned that regulated roaming would undermine both the viability and attractiveness of the Mobile Black Spot Programme. This is something we cannot allow to happen

I encourage you to translate the current draft decision into a final decision as soon as possible and put this issue behind us. Should the reader of this letter wish to explore its contents in further detail, please contact me on my mobile 0419 726 207.

Yours faithfully,

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State Member for Hervey Bay