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Dear Mr Wright

Mobile Termination Cost Model: Information Request

I refer to your letter of 6 September 2007.

Telstra is prepared to provide the Commission with publicly available information only regarding its mobile networks. In this respect, the number of base stations that have been deployed by Telstra for its 2G network (the most relevant one for the purposes of the WIK model) total over 4,900. This number has been exceeded for Telstra's Next G™ network (greater than 5,900 base stations as of early September, 2007). Telstra's 3G 2100 network has over 2,500 base stations.

The 2G and Next G™ networks both provide coverage to metropolitan, regional and rural Australia, with the Next G™ network providing coverage to over two million square kilometres covering over 98.8% of the population, whilst 2G (GSM) covering more than 610,000 square kilometres and covering more than 96% of the population. By contrast Telstra's 3G2100 network provides coverage only to capitals cities with the exclusion of Hobart and Darwin and limited associated major population centres (Gold Coast, Wollongong/Campbelltown, Geelong/Frankston). The 3G2100 network covers over 7,000 square kilometres and over 56% of the population.

Telstra also understands that much of the information requested by the Commission is available from ACMA on CD-Rom, using the information ACMA has collected as part of its Radio Communications Record of Licences database.

Yours sincerely



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