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To: Merger Authorisations
Subject: MOCN NSW

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As Chairman of the Local Government Association covering a significant portion of Western and Northern NSW I write in support of the proposed MOCN between TPG and Telstra. Our Association, the Alliance of Western Councils (AWC) includes the following LG areas.

Brewarrina, Bourke, Walgett, Cobar, Warren, Coonamble, Warrumbungle, Dubbo Regional, Mid-Western, Central Darling, Bogan, Gilgandra and Narromine. It is a vast area in dire need of improved telecommunications and in much of it, any level of communications.

The sharing of infrastructure in this area makes sensible use of scarce resources across an area that we recognise as being expensive to service. For many of us it opens up the potential for a better level of service for many operations seen as everyday in the more closely settled areas of the state. Better health outcomes, the opportunity for Internet banking, a higher level of emergency services and finally the ability to work remotely. These are all seen as everyday occurrences in more populated areas.

The former government had a vision for Agriculture to reach a value of \$100 billion. This is simply unachievable in the absence of a modern , effective and efficient form of telecommunications . With Investment and development in Regional and Rural NSW hitting unprecedented levels it is imperative that telecommunications keep pace .There is literally \$billions finding a home in the regions and the necessity of telecommunications becomes obvious. Without this investment we are being discriminated against as it lowers land values due to these areas being seen as less desirable destinations for staff across all professions and roles.

Adding to these is that opening up competition across these areas will bring a more competitive environment that will drive down costs and improve services. Having contacted all Councils in this region I have their support in submitting our collective support for this initiative.

I am happy to be contacted to discuss further

Yours sincerely

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