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Telstra – TPG MOCN
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To Whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of Support - Telstra TPG Spectrum Transaction – submission.

On behalf of the Bourke Shire Council, I wish to express support for Telstra to enter into an agreement with TPG to provide TPG access to Telstra's 4G and 5G radio access network in certain regional and rural areas of Australia.

Bourke Shire is located in North-western NSW some 370km from the major regional service centre of Dubbo and 780km north west from Sydney.

The Shire covers an area of 43,116 square kilometres. The town of Bourke is located on the banks of the Darling River and is the intersection of three significant cross country transport routes - the Kidman Way, Mitchell Highway and Kamilaroi Highway.

The Shire is considered a gateway into southwest Queensland and the far west of New South Wales and is home to many small villages including; Byrock, Enngonia, Fords Bridge, Wanaaring and Louth. The resident population of Bourke Shire, as at the 2016 Census, was 2,634 people.

Council considers that the improvement to the digital connectivity is required to support our people who live, work and invest in our community. The opportunity for growth will significantly benefit the Bourke Shire and its constituents both socially and economically.

Council would like to reinforce the importance of Telstra - TPC MOCN merge and our willingness to collaborating with you in its development to deliver truly game changing services to our community.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours sincerely

A grey rectangular box redacting the signature of Mark Riley.

Mark Riley
General Manager
Bourke Shire Council