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To whom it may concern

**RE: Telstra-TPG MOCN for Regional and Rural Australia**

I write in support of your application for the Telstra TPG Spectrum Transaction – submission.

Digital connectivity is an identified challenge for the region, with limitations on residents and business in our area.

Recent work undertaken highlights the real need for access to reliable services for operations and innovation in business. For our residents, addressing gaps in education, health and basic banking ability. Challenges include connectivity, coverage and price.

Telstra have advised that the Telstra-TPG MOCN will help address these areas with network growth, improving coverage and quality of services, and providing more choice of suppliers for customers.

Agriculture is a key industry for Corangamite Shire, with our farmers continuing to innovate and adapt. Agtech is emerging, however, depends upon high quality and high-speed connectivity in paddocks and towns.

Telstra have advised that the Telstra-TPG MOCN can deliver this in the coverage area. As well as providing IoT services for things such as connected water pumps, soil moisture probes and cattle monitors.

Initiatives that address the connectivity, access and affordability for our businesses and residents are supported for the region, but whilst ensuring that they are for the greater public benefit.

Yours faithfully



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