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Cc: Mark Connolly
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Dear ACCC,

Moree Plains Shire Council supports initiatives that provide improved digital connectivity at competitive prices to the residents, businesses, and farms based within the our Shire and wider region. We encourage activities which will increase and improve access but also provide globally competitive service quality.

The Council's 2021-2031 Economic Development Strategy has identified that factors such as high speed digital connectivity and Ag-tech play critical roles in bolstering Moree's economic growth . Furthermore, Moree Plains Shire is one of the most agriculturally productive regions in Australia and will grow our economic output well past \$1 billion over the next 5 years. Our farmers are increasingly reliant on high quality upload and download digital services to increase productivity and manage their resources, especially in this frequent unpredictable climate situation.

Additionally, the Moree Special Activation Precinct coupled with Inland Rail will create an event greater shift towards innovation, with digital connectivity being a critical backbone to support future growth, amenity and prosperity.

Moree Plains Shire Council welcomes the opportunity to discuss further actions related to this merger and its benefits to Moree Plains Shire. More broadly, we encourage companies within this sector to increase their investment on critical infrastructure within our region and welcome opportunities for collaboration.

Regards

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