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RDA Southern Inland (RDASI) is writing in support of the Telstra-TPG Telecom regional Multi-Operator Core Network (MOCN) agreement.

RDASI is part of a national network of 52 Regional Development Australia committees across Australia which work with all levels of government, business and community groups to support the economic development of their regions.

The Southern Inland region includes seven Local Government Areas, including Goulburn-Mulwaree, Hilltops, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Snowy Monaro, Upper Lachlan, Wingecarribee and Yass Valley.

RDASI's purpose is to drive innovation, growth and development in Southern Inland NSW through the facilitation of regional projects, collaboration, communication and advocacy. One of RDASI's key strategic goals is to collaborate with all levels of government and industry to advocate for and facilitate regional investment that enhances greater regional connectivity. RDASI leads a steering committee focussed on improving connectivity for the region.

RDASI acknowledges that the proposed agreement of asset-sharing between Telstra and TPG Telecom will result in increased 4G and 5G coverage and increased capacity for regional customers of both Telstra and TPG Telecom.

RDASI also recognises that the additional spectrum will ensure that regional and rural customers would be able to experience faster speeds and less congestion in more locations on their mobile phones.

In summary, RDASI supports the proposed agreement that will provide both businesses and residents with enhanced digital connectivity which will greatly improve the social and economic equity experienced in the Southern Inland region.

Yours sincerely,



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