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Re: TasICT: MA100021 – Telstra TPG Spectrum Transaction – submission

TasICT is pleased to provide a letter of support for the Multi-Operator Core Network (MOCN) being proposed by Telstra & TPG.

As the peak Industry Body, TasICT believes it is beneficial for the Tasmanian ICT sector and other consumers to have access to Telstra’s 4G and 5G radio access network, particularly in regional and fringe areas. TasICT recognises this initiative aims to address the digital divide between urban and regional Tasmania, by providing Regional & Remote communities with reliable communications services. This would allow them to access health, education, banking and work remotely.

The congestion and slow internet speeds faced by regional Telstra customers when its network is under strain can be addressed by the underutilised TPG spectrum, allowing Telstra to keep pace with the increasing demand for data services. Telstra has existing infrastructure to use the TPG spectrum to improve its coverage for its existing customers and new TPG customers.

TasICT understands that under the Telstra-TPG MOCN, TPG is able to build its own 4G and 5G products, and offer its own pricing and support customers as if the network was TPG’s own. In these areas of Tasmania, consumers and businesses will, in effect, go from a choice of two 4G/5G networks to a choice of three networks. The extra choice is considered to be a benefit for regional Tasmania.

For the purposes of this letter of support and initial correspondence, I am the nominated contact at TasICT.

Kind Regards



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