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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for the Telstra/TPG spectrum sharing proposal.

For context, I currently live in the Central West of New South Wales, and I am fortunate enough to have access to reliable service from both Telstra and Optus.

At the moment, I love the idea of switching to felix mobile (a brand of TPG Telecom Limited who uses the Vodafone network) due to a variety of factors.

However, it's really not that feasible as things currently stand, as it would unfortunately mean that I would be sacrificing reliable service in some parts of my city - or especially when I'm out travelling.

For example, a quick search of "Vodafone" in my city's local Facebook group shows a number of posts describing the poor coverage of the Vodafone network here, with coverage in certain suburbs being "practically non-existent".

This applies to any MVNO providers who utilise the Vodafone network too, of course.

The spectrum sharing proposal will give consumers more of a choice when it comes to the telcos they use, and it will give those in regional areas greater access to a reliable mobile connection. I strongly believe that if the spectrum sharing proposal is approved, the benefit it provides (especially in regional Australia) will be enormous.

Thank you for your time,

Ben