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Dear Mr Mikkelsen

**SOUTH WEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: MA1000021 – TELSTRA TPG
SPECTRUM TRANSACTION – SUBMISSION**

I write to you to provide the support of the South West Development Commission (SWDC) for the proposed Telstra Corporations Limited (Telstra) and TPG Telecom Limited (TPG) Multi-operator Core Network (MOCN).

The SWDC is a WA State Government statutory authority that aims to drive economic development outcomes in the South West region. We partner with communities, government, business and industry to identify and support projects that benefit the region.

The South West is a highly popular region with almost 178,500 residents and is the most visited regional area in Western Australia. Unfortunately like most regional areas, the South West does not have the same coverage or choice for mobile service providers as the Perth Metropolitan area. This has many negative implications across important sectors such as health, education, business and tourism.

The SWDC recognises the importance in ensuring the connectivity standards of the region are strong and welcomes the Telstra-TPG MOCN proposal. We believe it is an effective utilisation of existing infrastructure which will improve connectivity and service quality for people and businesses in the South West.

Yours sincerely



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