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**To: Domestic mobile roaming declaration inquiry**

As a member of the general public and someone who travels extensively through the rural, regional & remote areas of Australia, I would like to flag my absolute delight at the draft decision of the ACCC not to declare a domestic mobile roaming service.

In my experience, the open competition that currently exists between the various providers of mobile phone services is quite a positive influence in encouraging them to invest in the expansion of infrastructure and areas of service provision.

Mobile phone services are certainly still far from being adequate in rural and regional areas.

I would have been disappointed if a decision to permit mobile roaming had been made. This would have provided a marked disincentive for expansion of services and infrastructure across the board by all the affected parties (those who benefited and those who would be compelled to share their services).

At this stage I need to flag that I am a private customer of Telstra's telecommunications services.

I trust that no case will be found to reverse the draft decision of the ACCC. To do otherwise would genuinely penalise regional and remote communities across Australia.

Yours sincerely,



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