Dear Sir/Madam

Flinders Shire Council wishes to register its strong support for a mobile roaming service.

Being in the remote North West Queensland area mobile coverage is extremely important to day to day living.  Vast distances separating small communities means great reliance on effective communication to ensure safety; effective communication for ‘whole of life’ matters.

In regard to being willing to pay slightly more – this is what residents in rural and remote communities continue to do on a daily basis.  No it is not equitable but these services are essential.

Being able to switch between mobile services is essential to ensure that as different mobile service providers establish services in the rural and remote part of the State vital communication is not lost.

Residents of Hughenden, the major administration and commercial centre in the Shire does have 4G services, however, there are many parts of the Shire that do not.

Flinders Shire Council considers that it is essential that a mobile network operators are made to participate in order to make an already strained service more effective.

Thanking you for providing an opportunity to participate.

Regards

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