**Australian Competition**

**& Consumer Commission**

Domestic Mobile Roaming

Declaration Inquiry

2016 - Submission

To whom it may concern,

I write to you with regard to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inquiry into whether to declare a wholesale domestic mobile roaming service.

I would like to draw your attention to page 32 of the discussion paper where it states:

***“How declaration may affect the access provider’s incentives to invest***

*The declaration of a mobile roaming service is likely to impact an access provider’s incentives to invest in extending its network reach and in upgrading its network. In the absence of declaration, a mobile operator will have an incentive to differentiate their network on the basis of coverage”*

If the declaration of a wholesale mobile roaming service is mandated we need to cognisant of the ramifications this will have on future investment in the network.

As the Federal Representative of a regional and rural area it is imperative we do not discourage investment in telecommunications infrastructure in regional and rural areas.

Kind regards,

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