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Australian Competition & Consumer Commission

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Dear Sir / Madam,

**ACCC Mobile Roaming Inquiry**

I write in response to your current inquiry into mobile roaming on behalf of West Coast Council, Tasmania.

Mobile telecommunications are critical to the social and economic prosperity of rural and regional Australia.

The most critical telecommunications issue for individuals, farms, businesses and communities is mobile coverage. We need more coverage and better coverage.

In your deliberations on mobile roaming it is critical that the incentive for telecommunication organisations to invest in mobile infrastructure in regional areas be maintained.

If this incentive is diminished or destroyed, it would be a disaster for rural and regional Australia.

Yours sincerely



Phil Vickers

**MAYOR**