RE: Domestic Roaming Proposal

To whom it may concern,

I write this morning with regards to the recent domestic mobile roaming service declaration inquiry released by you.

As a business owner operating in remote South Australia we have long struggled with not being able to receive mobile phone service. The recent proposals by the ACCC with regards to mobile roaming are of particular concern to us and I believe that they would be extremely detrimental to the rural and remote community as a whole.

This primarily because I believe that the proposals would result in a lack of investment in capital infrastructure from the major telecommunication providers who will have little to no incentive to put new infrastructure in place in rural and remote environments if they stand to lose business to other providers who will have free access to the facilities at no additional benefit to the initial investor.

I believe that far more value would be added to the Telecommunications industry from a consumer’s perspective and benefit not just the rural community but the vast number of tourists passing through some of the more remote areas of the country if the major telecommunications companies continue to negotiate their own private agreements when using one another’s facilities.

Yours Faithfully

The Progress Association of William Creek.