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**Subject: Broken Hill City Council: MA1000021 – Telstra TPG Spectrum Transaction – submission.**

Broken Hill City Council writes in reference to the Multi-operator Core Network submission presented by Telstra and TPG and confirms that Council will support projects that propose a solution to connectivity issues that exist in Broken Hill and Far West NSW.

Infrastructure sharing in regional and rural Australia provides another tier in the nation's ability to deal with blackspots and poor connectivity.

The residents and businesses of Broken Hill consistently report connectivity issues which impact on online business transactions including Eftpos payment and learning and delivery of events. Broken Hill is also the strategic service centre for the agricultural industry in Far West NSW, and Council also understands the impact poor data connectivity has not only on that industry but also emergency services when there is communication service on outback roads and highways due to back spots.

Innovative solutions need to be embraced in this market to ensure that regional Australia has the same access to digital technology and urban and city residents.

We look forward to a positive announcement on this project.

Yours faithfully,



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