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The Secretariat
Regional Telecommunications Review Committee
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Dear Secretariat,

RE: Letter of Support

It is with pleasure that Balranald Shire Council provide this letter supporting the submission to the 2011-2012 Regional Telecommunications Review from the Hatfield and Clare community landholders and business partners.

The communities of Hatfield and Clare are located within the Balranald Shire in remote south western NSW.

The residents of these communities are primary producers of sheep, cattle and crops with these properties (approximately 50) providing employment and business opportunities to a wide range of people including shearers, earthmovers, builders, plumbers, windmill mechanics, wool buyers, stock and station agents and trucking companies.

The lack of mobile telephone coverage to this area has, and will continue to have a significant negative impact on these communities, their business development opportunities, the expanding tourism trade and the education of children within the community.

Technology is a fast evolving commodity, and communities, businesses and organisations are continually embracing these technological advancements to ensure their sustainability and growth.

Council whole-heartedly support the comments from the residents of Hatfield and Clare, and view the provision of mobile network coverage to area as a vital service.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully



Chris Littlemore
GENERAL MANAGER