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1--As a business owner who leases industrial properties in the northwest of WA, the large gaps in mobile phone reception along the major highways is of great concern as customers and others cannot contact me for long periods of time. I have a Telstra long range Arial fitted to my Landcruiser which gives me prox 40km range but I am out of touch between major towns, for many hours on remote highways, like Port Hedland to Broome, Wubin to Mt magnet, then Mt Magnet to Meekatharra, to Newman to Port Hedland as example, and then on thru the Kimberly to Wyndham and Kununurra.

2—On many of these highways Telstra already has Microwave towers running alongside the highways, and /or Underground cables which have service terminals at regular intervals above the ground.

3—Surely it would be feasible to use some of these existing facilities for improving the Mobile phone network in remote areas. I appreciate there are very few new customers out there, but having the service available would be of great benefit to travelling businessmen like me, trucking companies, emergency services, and others.

Yours sincerely,

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