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To: secretariat@rtirc.gov.au
Subject: Submission

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to make this submission from the standpoint of a personal telecommunications services recipient, as a resident of the North Star Community, a business owner and a parent of a child attending the North Star Public School.

North Star is located in the North West of New South Wales, 62 kms from the QLD NSW border and 110 Kms from Moree

Residents of the North Star community are primary producers of cattle, sheep and especially cropping. The properties surrounding the village of North Star provide employment opportunities to a number of employees including harvest and sowing workers, crop and livestock carriers, agronomists, earthmoving companies and other farm employees. Farming is a mobile industry our primary producers work out in the paddocks and not inside on the phone.

We the residents of the North Star farming community require reliable and up to date communication to effectively run our farming business. Rural tax payers deserve similar services to our city counterparts.

The lack of mobile phone coverage with our mobile phone tower which continually has technical difficulties is inadequate at best. To ensure the stability and growth of our regional community it is necessary to embrace advancement in technology. Business in general has become more efficient through technology. The ability to harness the current telecommunications that should be available to us will impact not only on profitability for our business but competition and eventually a negative effect on land prices and valuations.

I wish to encourage you to consider rural and regional Australia when conducting this review, telecommunication providers and the government need to consider the primary producers of Australia and remote regions.

Yours Faithfully

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