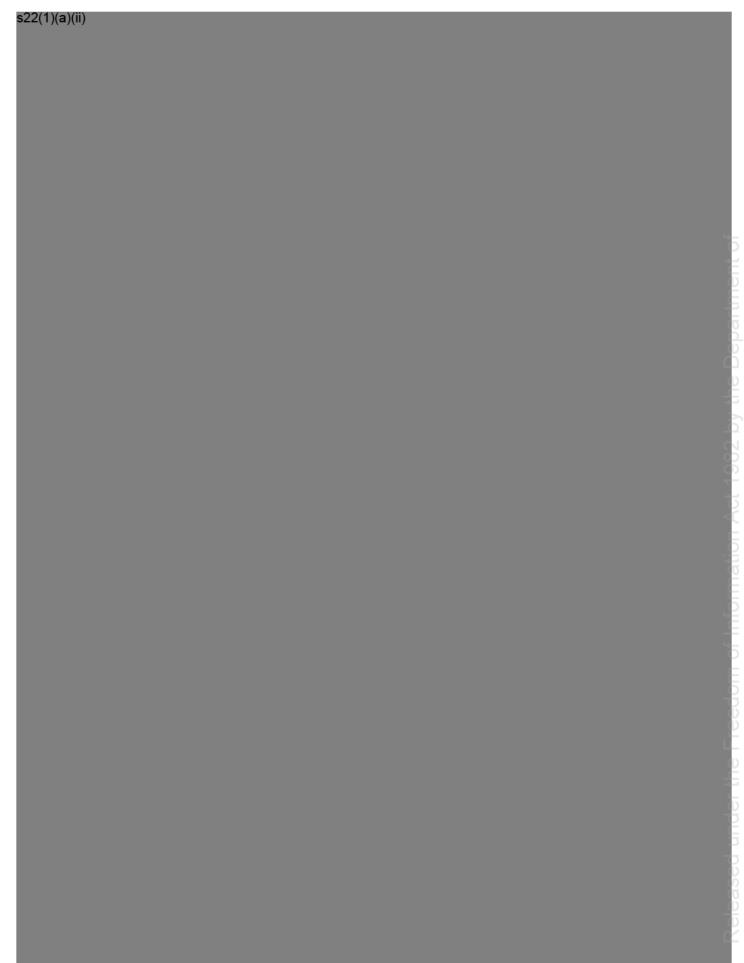
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Sent: Friday, 23 June 2023 3:19 PM

To: \$22(1)(a)(ii) @MO.communications.gov.au>; \$47F @tasmanianberries.com.au>

Subject: Re: Minister Rowland office contacts [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear \$22(1)(a)

Thank you for your prompt email.

It was great to meet you, Minister Rowland and your team on Wednesday. I appreciated the opportunity to speak with the Minister and raise my concerns about communications in our region.

As discussed, we are based in Central Northern Tasmania at Exton (\$47F) and we predominantly run off the 3G network.

We are serviced by Telstra and we have been in discussions with our Deputy Mayor, Stephanie Cameron (Meander Valley Council) and Telstra representatives regarding the Mobile Black Spot Program and possible new towers in our area, but it appears from recent discussions with a Telstra representative that even if a tower is funded in our area, it will likely not be effective for our site due to a preference for it to be located beside the Bass Highway (National Highway) and due to the topography of the area, it will unlikely service us.

We are seeking information regarding our future connectivity once the 3G network is switched off in mid 2024, s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Reliable telecommunications and internet connectivity are vital to the operation of our business, as we are located over three sites \$\frac{\fra

Further, pursuant to the Deeds we are party to with the Department as Approved Employers of the (now) PALM Scheme, we are required to provide unlimited access to our PALM workers to communicate with home at all times. We have \$47(1)(b) workers living at our Exton site, as well as \$47(1)(b) workers working on our sites

during peak harvest. We also have  $\frac{\$47(1)(b)}{\$47(1)(b)}$  workers living in accommodation we own in  $\frac{\$47(1)(b)}{\$47(1)(b)}$  which also regularly runs off the 3G network.

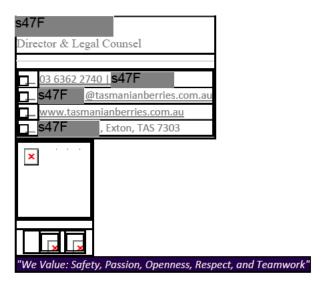
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I also note that the majority of the farmland and townships between Devonport and Launceston in Northern Tasmania rely on the 3G network.

We are more than happy to provide more information or discuss with you further if it would be of assistance.

I look forward to hearing more from you.

## Kind regards





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