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The Hon Luke Hartsuyker  
Chair, Regional Telecommunications Review

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Dear Mr Hartsuyker

### **Submission to the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review. Logan City Council appreciates the time taken by the committee to consider our submission.

At a local government level, Logan City Council is rapidly becoming a leader in improving place-based digital connectivity. We are one of the first local governments in Australia to have taken the proactive step of commissioning a holistic review of our city's digital connectivity needs. This review is guiding Council and others on the investment required to meet the digital connectivity needs of our city. Already Council has secured the endorsement of the Queensland Government of the review and its recommendations, with this endorsement backed by a \$2.5 million investment in priority digital projects.

As one of the few local governments to take such a comprehensive approach to examining place-based digital connectivity issues and solutions, we are in a good position to provide insights on the Federal Government's approach to digital connectivity. This this end, our submission recommends three changes:

1. Establish a policy framework and associated funding to support integrated, multi-year programs of investment in digital connectivity for places with complex needs.
2. Investigate options for accelerating private sector investment in digital infrastructure in high growth areas to help achieve the Government's decentralisation objectives.
3. Negotiate place-based strategic partnerships with local and State governments to undertake program-based planning and investment in digital connectivity.

While the Council's digital connectivity review remains confidential, Council would nevertheless welcome the opportunity to brief your committee further on our approach to place-based digital connectivity program planning and investment.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make a submission to this review. If you would like to discuss our submission further, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Scott Bourke, Director, Innovation and City Transformation on 07 3412 5322 or by sending an email to [ScottBourke@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:ScottBourke@logan.qld.gov.au)

Yours faithfully

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