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Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee
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Dear Mr Edwards

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review.

ALGA is the voice of local government in Australia, representing around 537 councils across the nation. ALGA's President represents local government as a member of the Council of Australian Governments and several other ministerial councils. In structure, ALGA is a federation of state and territory local government associations.

This submission should be read in conjunction with any separate submissions received from state and territory associations as well as individual councils.

ALGA's position over many years is that equitably delivered and affordably priced telecommunications facilities should be available to all Australians, no matter where they live. Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital to innovation, economic growth and social equity, however, it is even more important to regional Australia where the tyranny of distance increases the inequity of services available.

Should you require any further information in relation to matters raised in this submission, please contact me on (02) 6122 9414 or email roslyn.chivers@alga.asn.au.

Yours sincerely,



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