

**27th April 2023**

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts  
GPO Box 594  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

**RE: Mobile Network Hardening Program – Round 2 Draft Guidelines**

Field Solutions Group (FSG) welcomes the opportunity to submit feedback on the draft guidelines for the above-mentioned program.

FSG notes that Round 1 (both stages) excluded operators of Fixed Wireless Access Networks (FWA) and that this has carried over into the draft guidelines for Round 2.

FSG operate FWA place based networks that are within areas of natural disaster and provide connectivity where other terrestrial providers such as NBN Co or national MNOs provide little to no service. FSG has made representations previously to the Department regarding when hardening programs will be opened up to non-MNO operators.

FSG recommends the addition of FWA operators into the final guidelines as eligible applicants so that operators of key connectivity networks, can benefit just as the three large MNOs can in this program.

Kind Regards,

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