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Submission on draft grant opportunity guidelines for the Mobile Network Hardening Program - Perth Hills Round

OneWiFi and Infrastructure (OneWiFi) is a mobile network infrastructure provider (MNIP) providing active, neutrally hosted mobile access services, operating in regional and remote communities to facilitate improved coverage and performance of mobile networks through delivering mobile digital connectivity leveraging multicarrier infrastructure sharing.

OneWiFi welcomes the opportunity to comment on the grant guidelines for the Mobile Network Hardening Program-Perth Hills Round.

OneWiFi is concerned that solving for power resiliency does not address the total resiliency challenge: it does not deliver “all risks” hardening and accordingly leaves some risks for resiliency unaddressed. For instance backhaul resiliency, site risk from bushfire and so on.

Recognising limitations of funding OneWiFi would like to recommend that the government consider modifying the guidelines to enable a more holistic approach and to focus funding on single strategic sites addressing a specific coverage on the basis that one site with a high level of resilience could be shared (passive or active) by all operators in an area, on the other hand multiple sites in themselves deliver an element of resilience through the same or overlapping coverage albeit delivering the same level of resilience would come at an overall greater cost, funds which could be redirected to increasing resilience at selected sites or in other localities.

OneWiFi also recommends that the guidelines include eligibility for innovative solutions in line with the objectives of department's Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services.

Yours faithfully,

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