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Dear Sir

## Facilitating the use of private infrastructure to deliver telecommunications services

The Mobile Carriers Forum (MCF) is a Division of the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA). AMTA is the peak industry body representing Australia's mobile telecommunications industry. MCF members include Telstra, Optus and Vodafone Australia.

The MCF welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Department of Communications, Market Structure Branch on facilitating the use of private infrastructure to deliver telecommunications services and would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission after the nominal closing date for comment.

On consulting with its members, the MCF supports the proposed amendment. The amendment will provide greater flexibility for Carriers and reduce unnecessary red tape for industry as a whole. It will also enable easier access to private infrastructure by carriers, thereby reducing costs and improving the timely provision of services to the public. Finally, the MCF notes the proposed amendment is consistent with the Federal Government's own regulatory red tape reduction program

We thank you for giving MCF the opportunity to comment on this amendment. Should you require any further information from myself on behalf of the carriers, I can be contacted on (03) 9380 2291 or via email at <u>Ray.McKenzie@amta.org.au</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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