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Australian 5G Innovation Initiative Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications GPO Box 594 Canberra ACT 2601

## Dear Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the design of the Guidelines for the Australian 5G Innovation Initiative Round One.

I strongly suggest that the Guidelines for this project require the following inclusions.

- All trials must incorporate measurements of exposure levels of radiofrequency (RF) radiation, conducted before and during the trial by independent experts.
- All trials must incorporate surveys of workers' symptoms, conducted before and after the trial, to be devised and undertaken by independent researchers.

I would like the committee to explain why the 5G Innovation project is encouraging the rollout of 5G technology before research has been conducted to determine that exposure to 5G radiation is safe.

Further, I would like the Committee to explain whether, in considering the financial impacts of 5G, it is considering the potential impact of health care and legal costs in the event that exposed workers develop health problems.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Yours faithfully

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