

We are landholders in the very isolated area of the unincorporated area of NSW. (480kms from Broken Hill).and we make a submission against the repeal of the Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation. We have recently been forced to connect to Sky Muster Satellite as the old satellite connection is being made unoperational by the end of February 2017. We are in an area where there is NO mobile phone coverage and therefore our fixed phone is and absolute essential service.. It is our only contact to the Royal Flying Doctor Service which is our medical/health system for Inland Australia. If our power goes off we then only have our fixed phone for contact with the outside world (power service provider etc.). as there is no mobile phone or internet service, as stated before. People who are not conversant with the delay in satellite connections, hang up, thinking they are getting hoax calls.