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Dear Sir

Re: **Proposed discontinuation of the Universal Service Obligation (USO) for landline telephones in Australia**

Please accept my apologies for this late submission. I first learned of this proposal only several weeks ago.

I attach a petition from a group of people who become sick in the vicinity of microwave radiation. Many can no longer work. Many have had to relocate to remote country areas. This problem is estimated to affect 5-10% of the population to some degree, in most Western countries.

I would put forward that it is too early to scrap the USO. The risk is too great: in terms of risk to personal health *and* costs of health, infrastructure, and the subsequent decline in productivity. Perhaps indeed the obligation should be expanded to include internet connectivity via a cabled/wired service.

Please see our petition attached, which seeks to contextualise this issue with regards to the deliberation of the Productivity Commission.

I wish to make you aware of the warnings by many scientists, of the health problems due to EMR (electromagnetic radiation) exposure. This science is now quite advanced. Please see attached a short compilation of important information on this topic to help facilitate some understanding of this issue.

Sincerely

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