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Ms Patricia Scott
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Dear Ms Scott

On behalf of the COAG Reform Council, I welcome the opportunity to provide comment to the Productivity Commission in relation to its review of the National Access Regime.

Over some years, the council has reported on achievement of the milestones in the Competition and Infrastructure Reform Agreement (CIRA). The council supports the need for appropriate accountability and reporting arrangements for government reform commitments. The CIRA provides such arrangements for a number of important reforms and for this reason is supported by the council.

As an implementation monitoring and reporting body, the council does not have formal views on the costs and benefits of these reforms. However sound information on these costs and benefits is important to public decision making and we look forward to the Productivity Commission's findings.

Yours sincerely



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