

Committee Secretary  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Palethorpe,

I write in regard to OptiComm's appearance at the public hearing of the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee held in Melbourne on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

During the opening address to the hearing, OptiComm stated:

- "We will be one of the small number of operators that will be required to pay the proposed RBS tax, and it will become the largest cost in operating our business."
- "Under a broad tax levied across all telecommunications industry participants, the cost of funding the NBN in regional Australia would be reduced from around \$7 to \$10 to a manageable 97c per service per month."

I can confirm that each of the above sentences contained errors, and, that in line with the written copy of the opening statement provided to the committee on the day of the hearing, the sentences should have been read as:

- "We will be one of the small number of operators that will be required to pay the proposed RBS tax, and it will become one of the largest costs in operating our business."
- "Under a broad tax levied across all telecommunications industry participants, the cost of funding the NBN in regional Australia would be reduced from around \$7.10 to a manageable 97c per service per month."

OptiComm apologises to the Committee for this error.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Stockley  
Chief Construction Officer