



THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation) Bill
2025**

**PUBLIC HEARING
Monday 20 April 2026**

**Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.15 am	<p>Consumers panel: National Farmers' Federation (NFF) (<i>Submission 13</i>) Mr Peter Thompson, Chair – Telecommunications and Social Policy Committee (by videoconference) Mr Zac Rayson, Senior Policy Officer – Rural Affairs</p> <p>National Rural Health Alliance (<i>Submission 6</i>) Ms Susan Tegen, Chief Executive (by videoconference) Ms Gigi O'Sullivan, Strategic Project Manager (by videoconference)</p> <p>Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia (ICPA Aust) Mrs Sally Brindal, Vice President and Communications Portfolio Leader (by videoconference)</p>
10.30 am	Break
10.45 am	<p>Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) (<i>Submission 11</i>) Ms Carol Bennett, Chief Executive Officer Dr Gareth Downing, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (by videoconference)</p>
11.15 am	<p>Australian Telecommunications Alliance (ATA) (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Luke Coleman, Chief Executive Officer (by videoconference)</p> <p>Vocus (<i>Submission 8</i>) Ms Ebony Aitken, General Manager Government and Regulatory Affairs (by videoconference) Mr Simon Lewin, General Counsel and Company Secretary (by videoconference)</p>
11.45 am	<p>Telstra (<i>Submission 18</i>) Mr Bill Gallagher, Executive, Regulatory and Legal Mr Ashley Hunter, Executive, Wireless Engineering Ms Lisa McTiernan, Manager, Government Relations</p>
12.15 pm	<p>TPG Telecom (<i>Submission 22</i>) Mr Giovanni Chiarelli, Group Chief Technology Officer Mr Ross Mitchell, Head of Government Relations Mr Jeffrey Owen, Head of Network Strategy</p>

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12.45 pm	Optus (<i>Submission 17</i>) Mr Sri Amirthalingam, Chief Technology Officer Mr Kent Wu Zeyi, Executive General Manager, Network Strategy and Architecture Mr Nathan Gowdie, Director, Non-Terrestrial Networks
1.15 pm	Break
2.15 pm	SpaceX (<i>Submission 15</i>) Mr David Goldman, Vice President Mr Joseph Petrzela, Senior Manager
2.45 pm	Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (<i>Submission 3</i>) Ms Cynthia Gebert, Ombudsman (by videoconference)
3.15 pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) (<i>Submission 20</i>) Mr Michael Brealey, General Manager Communications Infrastructure Division Mr Robert Crofts, Executive Manager, Spectrum Allocations Licensing and Policy Mr Christopher Worley, Executive Manager, Spectrum Planning and Engineering
4.00 pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (<i>Submission 10</i>) Mr David MacKay, Deputy Secretary Ms Nicolle Power, Assistant Secretary Mr Andrew Irwin, Assistant Secretary
4.45 pm	Adjournment