

Dear Committee,

After the public hearing held in Melbourne on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, we would like to provide a question on notice response for the public record in relation to the question asked by Patrick Gorman MP, which was cut short at the closing of the hearing.

**Mr Patrick Gorman MP:**

“I’ve got one final question which I might address to Ms Dunn, which is one of the other concerns I have in this space is, and I’ve seen a number of articles, but I’m specifically referring to an article in the NY Times, by William Broad of May 12, 2019, where the title is “Your 5G Phone Won’t Hurt You, But Russia Wants You To Think Otherwise”, and that article basically suggests that there is state actors who are interested in peddling misinformation about 5G technologies for things other than health reasons”

\*Please note that all people on the call could here line interference at this stage of the call, and before Louise had a chance to respond, the hearing was closed.

**We Say NO to 5G in Australia responds with the following statement:**

Russia Today (RT) has been referred to as a “Kremlin-sponsored global media network that promotes an anti-Western worldview, sometimes with the help of disinformation”, and is widely criticised among many Western news publications.

The New York Times article stated that *“Analysts see RT’s attack on 5G as geopolitically bold: It targets a new world of interconnected, futuristic technologies that would reach into consumers’ homes, aid national security and spark innovative industries. Already, medical firms are linking up devices wirelessly to create new kinds of health treatments. “It’s economic warfare,” Ryan Fox, chief operating officer of New Knowledge, a technology firm that tracks disinformation, said in an interview. “Russia doesn’t have a good 5G play, so it tries to undermine and discredit ours.”*

RT has published a number of articles on 5G, expressing concerns of potential safety effects that are echoed widely, including across other Western-publications such as CBS and Fox News. Their articles have quoted studies and have interviewed scientists and are not any more or less alarming than other media reports.

Upon further investigation of this article, and RT’s response, it is clear that the New York Times (NYT) has a number of financial ties and conflicts of interest with Verizon, one of the 5G industry leaders. In partnership with Verizon’s Open Innovation Group the “Journalism 5G Lab” was created with the NYT, which will allow NYT staff early access to developing 5G technology and equipment.

In addition to this, one of the NYT board directors, Doreen Toben was working for Verizon during her appointment with the NYT; and Ryan Fox, the expert quoted in the paragraph above, works for New Knowledge, a company that claims to monitor ‘disinformation’, have themselves been involved in an orchestrated false flag operation that has since been exposed by the NYT.

We Say No to 5G in Australia would like to ask the Committee member, Patrick Gorman, why this question has been raised? Would Patrick Gorman be suggesting that the representatives of We Say

No to 5G in Australia, ORSAA and the other respected individuals and organisations who have spoken at these hearings, are Russian or are actors with hidden agendas? Or is it that the Russian angle is an easy option to deflect from the lack of safety studies and the validity of all concerns that have been raised? It was disappointing and concerning that after our carefully prepared presentations, the concerns we have raised and the expert information presented by our Building Biologist, this is the only question you had for us.

We Say NO to 5G in Australia would like to conclude this answer with the following statement; is it state actors providing so-called disinformation to broadcasters such as RT, or does the NYT have a vested interest in 5G with Verizon that they need to protect, by any means possible.

In addition to the question on notice, we also require clarification on three points:

- 1. The public hearings showed clear bias in terms of timing and location towards those for the 5G implementation. Attachment 1 shows the breakdown of hearing participants, their physical location, time allocated for questioning, and whether participants were heard in-person or over-the-phone.**

Can the Committee please clarify why witnesses who were for the 5G implementation, were given hearings in their own state (hence being able to attend in-person easily) and had longer (and sometimes individual) hearings?

- 2. The Chair stated on a SkyNews interview (aired 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020) that "Standard of safety set 1000 times lower for all the electromagnetic energy that comes from radio waves" and "Australia beats those standards... by 1000 times."**

Could the Chair please clarify what levels he is talking about here, as Australia's upper power density limit is  $1000\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ , whereas some countries have levels as low as 10 to  $100\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ , i.e. Poland, Italy, Russia and China.

- 3. As also mentioned in our opening statement, we would like to know how the Committee is suitably qualified to make a decision on the deployment of 5G in relation to the major concerns over health effects that have been raised by scientific professionals in the field.**

Has the Committee sought independent medical advice from health professionals in the field of electromagnetic radiation and its effects on human health, considering ARPANSA have clearly stated in their disclaimer that they cannot provide medical advice? And if not, why not?

Thank you,  
We Say NO to 5G in Australia.

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Attachment 1:

Hearing	Witness	Submission Number	For or Against 5G	In-Person or Telephone	Time Allocated
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Southport QLD	Telstra	296	For	In-person	11:30am – 12:30pm
	QLD Water and Seqwater	No submission	For	In-person	12:30pm – 1pm
	Department of Transport and Main Roads – QLD Government	334	For	In-person	1:00pm – 1:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Canberra ACT	AMTA	335	For	In-person	9am – 10am
	ACMA	317	For	In-person	11am – 12:30pm
	ACBER	167	For	In-person	
	NHMRC	No submission	For	In-person	
	Department of Communications and the Arts	330	For	In-person	1:15pm – 2:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – West Perth, WA	Main Roads Western Australia	438	For	In-person	10am – 10:45 am
	WA Farmers	61	For	In-person	10:45am – 11:30am

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	Western Australia Local Government Association	309	For	In-person	11:30am – 12:15pm
	Cancer Information & Support Society	113	Against	Telephone	12:15pm – 12:45pm
	ECSFR	229	Against	Telephone	
	Dr Murray May	103	Against	Telephone	
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Adelaide, SA	Teletraffic Research Centre, University of Adelaide	No submission	For	In-person	9am – 9:45am
	The Things Network	No submission	For	In-person	9:45am – 10:30am
	Cohda Wireless	No submission	For	In-person	10:30am – 11:15am
	Myriota	No submission	For	In-person	11:15am – 12pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb – East Melbourne VIC	Ericsson	339	For	In-person	11:30am – 12:15pm
	Professor Jock Given Mr Giles Tanner	181	For	In-person	12:15pm – 1pm
	ORSAA	311	Against	Telephone	1pm – 1:45pm

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	We Say NO to 5G in Australia	342	Against	Telephone	
	Dr Don Maisch	42	Against	Telephone	
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Sydney NSW	Nokia Networks	321	For	In-person	9am – 9:45am
	Axicom	337	For	In-person	9:45am – 10:30am
	ACCAN	341	For	In-person	10:45am – 11:15am
	Australia and New Zealand Driverless Vehicle Initiative	182	For	In-person	11:15pm – 12pm
	Optus	338	For	In-person	12pm – 12:45pm
	Vodafone Hutchinson Australia	319	For	In-person	12:45pm – 1:30pm
	Internet of Things Alliance	316	For	In-person	1:30pm – 2:15pm