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Mr Ian Dundas Secretary House of Representatives Standing Committee on Primary Industry and Regional Services Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Dundas

## Submission to Inquiry into Infrastructure and the Development of Australia's Regional Areas

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to this Inquiry.

The attached submission was developed following consultation with members.

Should the Committee require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

The continued development of rural and regional communities, as they face the challenges posed by inevitable technology change and global marketing, will be underpinned by the provision of appropriate infrastructure.

The MAV looks forward to the outcomes of the Inquiry in the hope that it provides constructive solutions for the rural and regional communities that our members represent.

Yours sincerely,

ROB SPENCE, Chief Executive Officer.