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Dear Senator Fisher

**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND
NETWORK**

On behalf of the Premier of Western Australia, Hon Colin Barnett MLA and myself, I thank you for your letter dated 15 June 2009 inviting the Premier to make a submission to the Senate Select Committee's inquiry on the National Broadband Network.

On 3 July 2009, Mr Brian Bradley, Director General of the Western Australian Department of Commerce, provided a response to the Senate Select Committee's inquiry.

The Government of Western Australia supports the National Broadband Network objectives but remains concerned that Western Australia could be unduly disadvantaged if the scope of this initiative does not give due consideration to the unique circumstances of the State in terms of its size, dispersed population and suboptimal market based service provision.

I thank you once again for the invitation to provide a submission to the inquiry and look forward to seeing the Committee's findings on the matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy Buswell', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hon Troy Buswell BEc MLA
MINISTER FOR COMMERCE

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