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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES INQUIRY INTO CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Telstra refers to the Terms of Reference in the Joint Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Corporate Social Responsibility.

Telstra has a long and proud history with the communities in which our people live and work in every part of Australia.

We pride ourselves on our strong stakeholder relationships. Our consideration of stakeholder interests is formalised through mechanisms including the Telstra Cor sumer Consultative Council, the Low Income Measures Assessment Committee, the annual Telstra Country Wide stakeholder survey, our many community sponsorship agreements and awards programs and the Telstra Foundation grants program.

Telstra remains committed to Australia and believes the consideration of community interests is critical to its social license to operate.

To this end, Telstra and its subsidiary Sensis, fully support the Business Council of Australia submission to the parliamentary enquiry and submits as evidence of its commitment to corporate social responsibility:

- Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2003
- Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2004
- Public Environment Report 2003
- Public Environment Report 2004
- Telstra Foundation 2003/2004 Report
- Telstra Foundation 2002/2003 Report
- TCW Advisory Board Reports (2001-2005)

Further information about our social and environmental performance and commitment to the community are detailed on the Telstra and Sensis websites at:

http://www.telstra.com.au/abouttelstra/csr/index.cfm http://www.about.sensis.com.au/community/ http://www.about.sensis.com.au/knowledge/resourceCentre.php

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If there are any particular matters you or members of the Committee would like further information on, please don't hesitate to contact Athol Chalmers, our Group Manager, Government Relations, who is based in our Canberra office. Athol can be contacted on 6208 0700 or 0407 244 129.

Yours sincerely

Kate McKenzie Deputy Group Managing Director Public Policy and Communications Telstra Corporation Limited Regarding Telstra's submission letter to the Parliamentary Inquiry, below links referenced in the letter:

* Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2003 http://www.telstra.com.au/abouttelstra/csr/reports.cfm * Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2004 http://www.telstra.com.au/abouttelstra/csr/reports.cfm * Public Environment Report 2003 http://www.telstra.com.au/environment/docs/telv_per03.pdf * Public Environment Report 2004 http://www.telstra.com.au/environment/docs/telv_per04.pdf Telstra Foundation 2003/2004 Report http://202.12.135.148/dir148/tfweb.nsf/ab3aaf3f1403bc3aca256a850037217e /82b37f0e6f98da434a256dcb00382b92/\$FILE/TF%20Annual%20Report%202003-04.pdf Telstra Foundation 2002/2003 Report http://202.12.135.148/dir148/tfweb.nsf/ab3aaf3f1403bc3aca256a850037217e /82b37f0e6f98da434a256dcb00382b92/\$FILE/TF%20Annual%20Report%202002-03.pdf TCW Advisory Board Reports (2001-2005) - I will mail these they are only in hard copy.

Regards Yvonne McKay Manager Corporate Social Responsibility