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Dear Sir

**SENATE INQUIRY INTO COMPETITION IN BROADBAND SERVICES**

Please find attached the submission from the Gold Coast City Council for consideration by the above Inquiry into Competition in Broadband Services.

The Gold Coast City is one of the most rapidly growing areas of Australia with an active policy to diversify the economic base of the city. To meet the ongoing needs of the city and achieve economic development objectives depends on world standard telecommunications of which broadband is increasingly a critical component.

Due to the significant importance of broadband communications, the Gold Coast City Council strongly encourages policies that will increase coverage and access and reduce cost.

The Gold Coast City Council also draws attention to the fact that the City with a large and rapidly growing mix of urban and rural components, misses out on telecommunications and broadband infrastructure that is typically found in capital cities and on programs to redress inequalities in rural and regional areas of Australia.

Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Grayson Perry on (07) 5582 8897.

Yours faithfully



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