



THE SENATE

**RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Shutdown of the 3G mobile network**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Wednesday 24 July 2024**

**Committee Room 2S3**  
**Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<p><b>Telstra</b> (<i>Submission 24</i>) Mr John Hewitt, Manager, Government Relations Ms Justine Rowe, Executive, Sustainability Policy Engagement Mr Gerard Tracey, Principal Engineer, Network Connectivity Service, Global Networks and Technology</p> <p><b>Optus</b> (<i>Submission 21</i>) Mr Andrew Sheridan, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs Mr Harvey Wright, Head, New Products Mr Michael Reynolds, Head, Network Products, Programs and Services</p> <p><b>TPG Telecom</b> (<i>Submission 7</i>) Mr Ross Mitchell, Head, Government Relations Mr Gary Chant, Head, Wireless Engineering Mr Paul Tierney, General Manager, Customer Lifecycle Management and Felix</p>
10.15 am	<p><b>Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Ryan Klose, Executive General Manager Ms Lauren Gale, Director, Policy, Advocacy and Strategy</p>
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.00 am	<p><b>Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</b> (<i>Submission 6</i>) Dr Jodie Trembath, Director, Skills, Employment and Small Business Ms Samantha McKenna, Policy Adviser</p>
11.30 am	<p><b>Australian Communications and Media Authority</b> (<i>Submission 2</i>) Mr Michael Brealey, General Manager, Communications Infrastructure Division Ms Cathy Rainsford, General Manager, Consumer Division Mr Paul Nicholas, Manager, National Interests Section Mr Allan Major, Executive Manager, Licensing and Infrastructure Safeguards Branch</p>
12.15 pm	<p><b>Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman</b> (<i>Submission 10</i>) The Hon. Bruce Billson, Ombudsman Ms Donna Boulton, Director, Policy &amp; Advocacy</p>
12.45 pm	<p><b>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</b> Ms Sarah Proudfoot, Executive General Manager, Infrastructure Division Ms Tara Morice, General Manager, Mobiles, Transmission and Consumer Branch</p>
<b>1.15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

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2.15 pm	<i>via teleconference:</i> <b>Telecommunication Industry Ombudsman</b> ( <i>Submission 22</i> ) Ms Cynthia Gebert, Ombudsman
2.45 pm	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</b> ( <i>Submission 27</i> ) Mr James Chisholm, Deputy Secretary, Communications and Media Group Ms Lisa La Rance, First Assistant Secretary, Communications Infrastructure Division Dr Jason Ashurst, Assistant Secretary, Digital Inclusion and Deployment Branch Ms Shanyn Sparreboom, Assistant Secretary, Competition and Spectrum Branch Ms Kathleen Silleri, Assistant Secretary, Consumer Safeguards Branch, Communications Services and Consumer Division  <b>First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group</b> ( <i>Submission 13</i> ) Ms Dot West OAM, Co-Chair Associate Professor Lyndon Ormond-Parker, Co-Chair
4.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>