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Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald

Thank you for your letter dated 14 August 2018 providing Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) with the opportunity to make a submission to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee inquiry into the Telecommunications Amendment Bill 2018.

NTPFES is supportive of the Bill in its entirety. The ability to access National Broadband Network infrastructure in support of police, fire and emergency service objectives permits enhanced service delivery through reduced costs to the public and minimal disruption to public amenity by using existing communications towers. The use of temporary communication towers by carriers at specific events and during peak times enhances the local communication network which supports police operations, enhances public safety and provides the ability to engage in mass public notification in support of public safety operations. This in turn supports whole of Government responses to emergencies at places of mass gathering, which may result from forces of nature or human intervention such as active shooters, violent extremists and terrorist acts.

Yours sincerely

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Commissioner of Police and
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