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Communications and the Arts**

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Dear Mr Stanton

Thank you for your email of 15 December 2022 to the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, Minister for Communications, about location dependent carriage services. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Government is aware of the difficulties many community organisations face in providing prompt and efficient services to callers with unlisted numbers. We would be very interested to engage further with Communications Alliance about the potential use of location dependent carriage services and full Caller Line Identification routing to address this issue.

Before moving forward with a legislative amendment of this nature, we would need to give the proposal close consideration, including undertaking consultation with a range of stakeholders. As the *Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Information Disclosure, National Interest and Other Measures) Bill 2022* is already before the Parliament, we could not include such an amendment in this legislation without significantly delaying passage of the Bill. However, we will prioritise consideration of this proposal for future legislative reform.

Thank you for taking the time to write. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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