



7th April 2005

The Secretary
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Dear Secretary

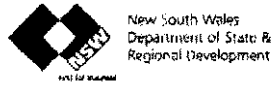
RE: Inquiry into the performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime

Representatives from the business community have approached the Orana Regional Development Board (ORDB), in an effort to secure our region's long term telecommunication's future requirements. Our regional communities feel with the impending sale of Telstra, that infrastructure and parity pricing do not currently exist within our region and may never be afforded to the Orana Region. These limitations severely limit opportunities for economic development and social progress regionally.

In closing the ORDB would like an opportunity to discuss the current and proposed regulatory issues and the future proofing of regional telecommunications at your public hearing in Dubbo scheduled for Thursday 14th April, it would be appreciated if an early timeslot be given due to a commitment later in the day at Bathurst.

Yours Faithfully,

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