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Dear Ms Morriss

**Inquiry into the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007**

Thank you for your letter of 22 June 2007 inviting Optus' participation in the inquiry into the above Bill by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Optus fully recognizes the importance of the interception, access and assistance regimes dealt with in this Bill. Optus supports the overall objectives of the Bill and will continue to provide its current high level of support to law enforcement and national security agencies under the proposed new arrangements.

Optus has contributed to the submission to the Committee from the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA), and Optus supports that submission. The points raised in the AMTA submission address matters of detail to ensure that the transfer of provisions from the *Telecommunications Act 1997* to the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* takes place in a manner that maintains the carefully drawn balance between obligations to support law enforcement and the legitimate commercial imperatives faced by the industry. We note that the points made in the AMTA submission impact on fixed telephony and internet services and service providers to the same extent as mobile services.

We look forward to your advice regarding the deliberations of the Committee into this Bill.

Yours sincerely

Paul Fletcher