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Joe,

I have discussed with Duncan and we feel the briefing generally covers the low income access issues raised by LIMAC. However, if you are looking more broadly at these issues, it may also be worth mentioning the low cost phone options the market currently provides on a commercial basis outside of LIMAC and existing price controls. This includes current bundled services (such as landline/mobile bundles) and how they may differ when separated under the NBN. It may also be worth noting that LIMAC members have been referred to the FAQ on the NBN Web site:

Q19 Will my landline phone cost more if I connect to the NBN?

A No. The government will ensure people do not pay extra if all they want is a standard telephone service.

We are also aware of separate statements on NBN price equivalency that have been made by the Minister and the Prime Minister in a number of recent media engagements.

We would be happy to be involved in any ongoing discussions that may occur on these issues.

Regards,

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Brian, S.D.D

As you are aware, we are undertaking a review of the policy and legislative framework for retail price controls. In preparation for this review, we are briefing the Secretary on our proposed approach and on the issues which the review will consider. As there are references to USO Co and to LIMAC, I would be grateful for any comment you may have on the attached note by Wednesday lunchtime.

Regards

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