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Dear Mr ^{David} Thodey

Improving mobile phone reception

I am writing on behalf of Mr John Ryan, Executive Officer at Macquarie 2100, a community development organisation in the Lower Macquarie Valley. I have met with Mr Ryan about poor mobile coverage in regional areas.

Mr Ryan has raised the possibility of trialling higher powered mobile phones as a way of improving mobile reception in regional areas. He has suggested that a 3-8 watt mobile phone could be used. Mr Ryan's suggestions are outlined in Macquarie 2100's submission to the Mobile Black Spot Programme (refer attached).

Could you please advise whether Telstra is interested in exploring Mr Ryan's ideas and investigating if higher powered phones could be used to improve mobile reception in regional areas?

Mr Ryan can also be contacted directly by email about his ideas at

I look forward to your advice on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Paul Fletcher

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