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The Manager, Spectrum Planning Section
Australian Communications and Media Authority

RE NFF supports ACCAN submission into the Future Use of the 3.6GHz Band Options Paper

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) would like to voice our support for the ACCAN submission into the Future Use of the 3.6GHz Band Options Paper.

As the peak national body representing Australian agriculture, the NFF believes that connectivity represents the next frontier for agricultural productivity in Australia and we recognise that 5G mobile broadband is expected to deliver increased capacity and other benefits for consumers.

Given the rapidly evolving technology landscape, it is prudent to ensure that those currently using the 3.6GHz broadband spectrum outside of metropolitan areas do not have a disruption with their service, as this is currently one of the only options for businesses operating in rural, regional and remote Australia.

The NFF believes the 3.6GHz band option represents a valuable opportunity for the Australian agricultural industry, but share the concerns raised by ACCAN.

We are committed to ensuring the equitable access of telecommunications for all Australians, and thus assert that any future spectrum allocation needs to ensure that services are provided to all consumers and support a mix of providers.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Mark Harvey-Sutton (Manager Rural Affairs) on (02) 6269 5666.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Mahar".

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