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Dear Mr Byrne,

**Telstra submission on varying the Submarine Cable (Southern Sydney Protection Zone) Declaration 2007**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the ACMA's [consultation](#) on its proposal to vary the Submarine Cable (Southern Sydney Protection Zone) Declaration 2007.

Telstra supports this proposal as it enables the deployment of additional submarine cable infrastructure which is in national interest through expanding the capacity and resilience of Australia's international connectivity. The enlarged Southern Sydney Protection Zone will also enhance the protection of the existing Southern Cross and Australia Japan cables as they will be located further from the southern boundary of this zone.

We agree that the current prohibitions and restrictions in the existing Southern Sydney Protection Zone should be extended to the varied area as outlined in questions 2 – 6 of the ACMA's consultation paper.

We also support the proposed machinery changes to remove the outdated definition for 'beach safety meshing net' and update the formatting of coordinates in the Protection Zone Declaration.

Please contact me at 03 8649 5953 or [brian.miller@team.telstra.com](mailto:brian.miller@team.telstra.com) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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