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Mr Russell Gillon

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Dear Mr Gillon

Thank you for your letter of 26 September 2009 to the Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope, MLA, regarding issues with broadband service in Gungahlin. As Mr Stanhope is currently overseas on business, I am responding on his behalf.

As you are aware, the Australian Government has responsibility for telecommunications and the associated legislation, policy and technical standards and there are limits to what the ACT Government can do to further the issues you have raised.

However, the ACT Government is aware of community concerns about the quality of internet service in Gungahlin and it has made numerous representations to the Australian Government on behalf of constituents.

You might also be aware that my Federal colleague Senator Kate Lundy has raised the issue of poor broadband services to the residents of Gungahlin with National Broadband Network (NBN) Company Chairman, Mr Mike Quigley, at a recent Senate Select Committee Hearing. I understand that the NBN is now in the process of finding out more detail on these problems.

In the meantime I have written to Mr Chris Taylor, the Capital South East Region Area General Manager for Telstra, and to Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, addressing your concern over these ongoing issues, and requesting advice on the current situation.

Thank you for writing to the Chief Minister on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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