



BARNABY JOYCE
The Nationals Senator for Queensland

15 September 2005

Mr Alan Smith
Seal Cove Guest House,
Cape Bridgewater
Portland RMB 4409 VIC 3305

Dear Mr Smith,

Casualties of Telstra – Independent Assessment

As you are aware, I met with a delegation of CoT representatives in Brisbane in July 2005. At this meeting I made an undertaking to assist the group in seeking Independent Commercial Loss Assessments relating to claims against Telstra.

As a result of my thorough review of the relevant Telstra sale legislation, I proposed a number of amendments which were delivered to Minister Coonan. In addition to my requests, I sought from the Minister closure of any compensatory commitments given by the Minister or Telstra and outstanding legal issues.

In response, I am pleased to inform you that the Minister has agreed there needs to be finality of outstanding CoT cases and related disputes. The Minister has advised she will appoint an independent assessor to review the status of outstanding claims and provided a basis for these to be resolved.

I would like you to understand that I could only have achieved this positive outcome on your behalf if I voted for the Telstra privatisation legislation.

Please be assured that I will continue to represent your concerns in the course of this resolution. I look forward to your continued support.

Kind regards,

Senator Barnaby Joyce
The Nationals Senator for Queensland



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**Department of Communications,
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our reference

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Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2006 to Ms Forman concerning the independent assessment process.

There is an implication in your letter that I advised you that the independent assessment process is not the process agreed to by Senator Joyce. I did not advise accordingly.

If the material you have provided to the Department as part of the independent assessment process indicates that Telstra or its employees have committed criminal offences in connection with your arbitration, we will refer the matter to the relevant authority.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "David Lever".

David Lever
Manager, Consumer Section
Telecommunications Division

17 March 2006

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Senator Barnaby Joyce
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21 August 2006

Dear Mr Smith,

Re: Meeting with the Senator The Hon. Helen Coonan (Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts)

The meeting planned for the 6th September at 3.30pm in Canberra will proceed. Senator Joyce will be pleased to welcome you to his Canberra Suite (SG 63), Parliament House at 3pm prior to attending the meeting with the Minister.

We are currently putting together an agenda for the meeting please let me know if you have any suggestions for items to be considered for inclusion.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could advise of your intention to attend by the 30th August 2006.

Kind Regards,

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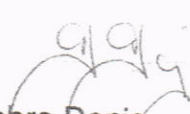
Dear Mr Smith

At the meeting between Senator Coonan, Senator Joyce and Telstra claimants, held on the 6th September 2006, Senator Coonan committed to make a round of representations, on behalf of the claimants, to Mr Sol Trujillo and Mr Donald McGauchie.

I am writing to ascertain whether you wish Senator Coonan to make these representations on your behalf. Can you please provide us with your response, positive or negative, as soon as possible?

Thank you in advance for your timely response.

Kind regards,


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Office Manager for
Senator Barnaby Joyce
The Nationals Senator for Queensland