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Standing Committee on Broadband in Rural and Regional Communities  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000  
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**Attention: Ms Vicki Buchbach**

Dear Madam

**RE: FERNGROVE BALLINA**

We are undertaking a 238 Lot Residential Land Subdivision at Ballina, NSW, and are currently carrying out bulk earthworks to Stages 1 and 2 (Total 5 Stages). We have consulted with Telstra and Vodaphone and understand that both companies are unable to guarantee access to high speed broadband services on our project.

Telstra has advised us that it can install copper landlines which will provide an ADSL service for 'some' of our project and that ADSL2 is not currently planned for our area of Ballina. Vodaphone has indicated that a satellite service may be available in the area in 1-2 years.

We are surprised and disappointed that access to high speed broadband is not available for a project of this size. It appears that this is not a Government priority in one of Australia's fastest growing areas.

You will find further details of our development on [www.ferngroveballina.com.au](http://www.ferngroveballina.com.au). We await your response in due course.

Yours faithfully

  
Geoff Rose