

**Submission
No 8**

**ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR DECISION-MAKING FOR THE DELIVERY
OF MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE, CONTRACTING OF PUBLIC SERVICES
AND/OR THE PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC ASSETS IN NSW**

Organisation: Lismore City Council

Date Received: 6 December 2023

INQUIRY AREA OF FOCUS:
CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CCEP)

- NSW Telco Authority recently contacted Lismore City Council to discuss the network. The discussion was not tailored to the Northern Rivers areas nor did it clearly explain or specifically identify the benefits with reference to anticipated disaster events. Noting bushfires threaten one of our main telecommunication towers (Mt Nardi) which would also facilitate the PSN infrastructure.
- The costing and access arrangements were poorly explained. Lismore City Council has limited technical expertise and associated infrastructure in this space.
- Clear mapping of service availability for our LGA was not provided with regard to potential Mt Nardi tower impacts nor a comparison against standard communication coverage.