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## **Media Release**

### **House of Reps Committee Report Supports ATUG's Roam Fair Campaign**

ATUG welcomes the House of Representatives Committee findings that mobile roaming prices are too high, that none of the alternatives are as useful as roaming services and that getting fair prices is not possible for the individual business or consumer.

The Committee has identified that the market for wholesale roaming services is not competitive because the small size of the Australian population distorts competition. Australian carriers are not able to negotiate reasonable prices for roaming services from other carriers on behalf of their customers.

ATUG encourages the Government to take the lead on fixing this problem through international negotiations to regulate the wholesale cost of roaming.

The innovative idea of temporary mobile number portability is one worth looking into as it would enable end users to take advantage of the 3 Roam Like Home roaming prices immediately, in countries where that service is available.

ATUG expects that DFAT negotiators will now address this issue specifically in new trade agreements and reviews of existing trade agreements.

It remains a nonsense and an inhibitor for business that Australian businesses making calls back to Australia pay tens of times more than their local business colleagues for essentially the same service.

ATUG appreciates the Committee's support for ATUG's Roam Fair campaign designed to get a fair deal for all users of roaming services.

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