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Dear Fran

**RE: Inquiry into Developing Australia's Space Industry**

Communications Alliance welcomes the opportunity to comment on the House Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources' inquiry into and report on developing Australia's space industry.

Communications Alliance commends the Committee's inquiry into Australia's rapidly growing space sector and notes its importance as a part of Australia's economic future, and its importance in supporting our national and security interests.

Communications Alliance is the primary telecommunications industry body in Australia. Its membership is drawn from a wide cross-section of the communications industry, including carriers, carriage and internet service providers, content providers, equipment vendors, IT companies, consultants and business groups. Of relevance to this inquiry, our Satellite Services Working Group (SSWG) represents and advances the interests of the members of Communications Alliance involved in the delivery of satellite-based network facilities and services on a wholesale and/or retail basis. The SSWG's membership includes more than twenty companies working in the space and satellite sector, including satellite operators and service providers, teleport operators, satellite and ground-segment equipment manufacturers, earth-station installers and sectoral experts. The Group is focused in the delivery of satellite-based network facilities and services on a wholesale and/or retail basis.

Communications Alliance acknowledges the key role that the Australian Space Agency has been established for, to foster and promote Australia's developing space industry, both in supporting the established space environment here and the newly evolving academic and commercially fuelled space industry. We are engaged in developments in areas relating to communications technologies and services, and where possible, working with and supporting the Agency in areas of common interests and future potential. As experts in this area, the SSWG will make its capability available and offer its support to the Agency as we monitor and participate in the evolving Australian space sector, in providing relevant information and expertise to assist its goals.

If you have any questions with respect to this submission, please contact Mike Johns at Communications Alliance on 0414 898 841.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Stanton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John Stanton  
**Chief Executive Officer**