Dear Stakeholder

RE: DIGITAL FARM GRANT – BETTER INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR REGIONAL WA

The WA Government has announced the ‘Digital Farm’ grants program. The aim of the grant is for licensed providers to deliver to improve connectivity for agricultural businesses in regional WA to enable businesses such as yours to ‘*do business better’*.

As we have a telecommunications license and have successfully been delivering faster and more reliable internet in regional WA since early 2017 we are confident in delivering a similar service in your area.

We are a poud to be regionally based in Narrogin, Western Australia and are very focussed and committed to providing faster internet and communications services to regional Western Australia. CRISP Wireless will be delivering faster and reliable internet to 9 regional shires in Western Australia by mid April, 2018.

The capital costs for the infrastructure such as the equipment, towers and also the servicing are borne by CRISP Wireless. Local government agencies have been very supportive and in some areas agricultural businesses have contributed too. The contribution may be in cash or in-kind. The way our pricing structure works is that you as a consumer pay for internet use just like people in the city.

We are seeking your support by way of providing a *Letter of Support*. We have attached a suggested format to make it easy for you to complete and ask that you date, sign, scan and send the support letter back to us at your earliest convenience – before the 9th of April would be most appreciated thank you, as the grant funding application closes on 13th April, 2018.

Please feel free to call me on my mobile number 0428 832 095 if you need more information, or alternatively call Maree Gooch, Chairman of CRISP Wireless on 0436 374 136.

Yours sincerely.

Leigh Ballard

Chief Executive Officer

3rd April, 2018

DATE

ADDRESS

Dear Sir/ Madam

I own and run a farming business is located in the Shire of Merredin.

We currently farm the following enterprises:

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| **Enterprise Mix** | **Details** | **Total Farm Size (Hectares)** |
| Livestock |  |  |
| Cropping |  |  |
| Other |  |  |

Our current internet coverage is inadequate.

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| Current Provider | Why inadequate |
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If we could have better, faster and more reliable internet connectivity it will make such a difference to the operations of our agriculture business. We will be able to access important market pricing, in real time.This will enable us to make more informed decisions and sell into domestic and international markets whenever we choose to, capitalising on better prices.

We will be able to use the information from our machinery in real time and be able to make quicker decisions regarding our production systems. We will be able to access information and use cloud based farm management applications and accounting systems to increase efficiencies in our business and not waste time waiting for downloads or the internet to drop out and start again.

As a family, we feel that better connectivity will make a difference to our general living and quality of life – we will be connected with family and friends living in other areas and even feel less isolated.

Yours sincerely.

Name

Owner/ Farm Manager