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ATUG has been working to convince the Australian Government that International Roaming prices **MUST** be reduced. ATUG's Crusade Campaign for 2008 is **Roam Fair**. Background on this campaign is at <http://www.atug.com.au/ATUGThisWeek/ATW270608/RFC08.pdf>

In the latest development, a Parliamentary Inquiry has been announced with responses due by 15 August 2008

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/coms/mobileroaming/tor.htm>

"Anybody who has travelled overseas and used their mobile phone knows how useful it can be to reach loved ones and conduct business using international mobile roaming. They also know the significant cost they pay for this privilege.

The House of Representatives Communications Committee is inquiring into whether international mobile roaming charges are fair. The Committee will look at:

- whether retail international mobile roaming charges reflect the underlying costs;
- whether the information available on international mobile roaming costs are adequate;
- whether new technologies and commercial initiatives will reduce international mobile roaming charges; and
- whether consumer information on international roaming is adequate."

Members should feel free to write directly to the Committee to encourage them to act on reducing the costs.

ATUG will be responding formally to the questions the committee is asking and will appear before the Committee in due course.