**M-Enabling Australasia 2013 Conference**

**Day 2 – Wrap-up and next steps 16:45 – 17:00**

TERESA CORBIN: So we've made it, we've made it to the end of M‑Enabling Australasia. It's amazing. We actually...

(APPLAUSE)

I think we should all just clap Wayne actually. Just so you know, Wayne and I said ‑ 300 people would be good. We've been sitting on the edge of our seats ‑ but guess what ‑ 298 people. So we did it. I think that counts. It gets rounded!

(APPLAUSE)

And I have come... somebody asked me how many conferences like this I've been like. I don't know how many but we certainly have never got 298 before so that's pretty good. We've had 1,500 tweets and counting at afternoon tea.

The favourite tweet is Kate Lundy's tweet about her commitment to accessibility. Very good ‑ but my favourite tweet is “Nan Bosler or PM!”

It was a close second, though, because someone said that Harry was ‑ or Wayne's guide‑dog was the most "chilled out mammal on the planet" as he lay here quite relaxed while we were all here working very hard and Wayne was on the panel yesterday. So there have been some great moments and there will be a lot more as far as the debates that have been started by this conference. I have got summary notes. It is too late for summary notes so I'm not going to go through them all.

But what I will promise is the different session coordinators have actually pulled together some of the main points and I'm reticent to read them out now. What I will offer is that we will do a summary and provide it for people.

There are some quite significant ideas that have come out of the conference. I don't think that I could do justice to listing them all off. Of course, my favourite is the idea of coming up with an Aussie version of the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act but that's because that was ACCAN's idea, but there were a lot of other great ideas that came up, and I think probably the most important idea that's come up, and this is something that's been said many times, but this is probably the best example we've ever had of it in Australia. And that is of industry and end users working together to get the solutions.

(APPLAUSE)

That way, we're not retro fitting, we're not spending hours and hours in standards committees. We're not getting politicians to do stuff for it, we're just getting on with it and wouldn't that just be great.

So switching to almost the very end. I did promise one thing and that is that I would give somebody else the platform for two minutes and that is someone who is actually very important also to this happening today. And this is Robin Wilkinson, who some of you know, but some of you don't know so I will briefly introduce her. She was the last chair of the Consumers Telecommunications Network but it folded in to ACCAN. But more importantly, she's actually been a disability advocate and a communications consumer advocate for more years than I can count. And we actually went to two conferences ‑ one in Chicago and one in France and they were epic journeys to get there and we presented to the engineers about standards and making equipment more accessible. So she hasn't been to any of our events or anything for a while and this is the first one since ACCAN was created and I would just like to hand over to her for just a couple of minutes before we close.

(APPLAUSE)

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You know I have the advantage of almost as old as Methuselah, particularly in this arena. And I would really like to say that this, for me, has been a wow conference. Maybe I've been watching too much reality TV with 'Australia's Got Talent' and 'The Voice'. But it has been a wow factor. I've been blown away. I would like to thank Wayne very much for the dream and Teresa and ACCAN to enabling the dream to become a reality.

I need to go back a bit because in actual fact, long before Telstra was Telstra and it was still Telecom, and it had just emerged and broken from the postmaster general's department, that's how far back I go. But Telecom held a consumer forum for the first time ever and there were some of us from all over Australia. And the only other person at this conference, I think, that was at that conference with me, was

Johanna Plante. That was CTN. But out of that conference grew CTN and we spent a lot of time, Teresa and I, really earbashing Steve Conroy about the idea of ACCAN. He had Teresa on one side and me on the other ‑ he must have hated us. But it's great because it actually happened. And I just think that it is so great to see this many people at a conference. I think we've been working very much together as those of us who are consumers, service providers, product makers, whatever. We've all just got together. And I think there's been a sort of a camaraderie amongst us all that is quite rare. And I think we really need to recognise and capture that moment. I think this has been a great conference and I really thank you all very much. Teresa and ACCAN, the board and Johanna Plante. Just all the people who have spoken, those who have listened and those who have asked questions. Congratulations to everybody. Well done.

(APPLAUSE)

TERESA CORBIN: I'll say the final thank yous. The thank yous to the interpreters. Everybody can give them a hand. Thank you to the captioners up the back. And thank you to our web caster. Thank you to those that stayed with us as long as this for the web cast. Thank you to our partner, Telstra. You guys have been fantastic. It's been hard work to get to this point, to Bert, Georgia and Jill, thank you so much from Telstra. Thank you to all our sponsors. I think the best thing about having sponsors is that we've actually been able to have record participation from ordinary people. We've been able to help people get here and we've also been able to make the whole event more accessible because of the sponsors. And thank you to all the ACCAN staff. Nobody wants to be listed or pulled out as being extra special, but can I just say ‑ from both Wayne and I, if you hadn't stuck with us we couldn't have got with it. And I know we've driven you nuts about this conference so I hope that you feel invigorated and you can understand why Wayne had the dream for this conference. And last but not least ‑ I want to thank each one of you. Because really, you think you're saying goodbye right now. But you're not. Because this is just the beginning of another journey together on that road towards a much more accessible future. Thank you, everyone.

(APPLAUSE)