



Mobile Black Spot Programme

FACT SHEET

Increased competition and the Mobile Black Spot Programme

In addition to improving mobile coverage, the Mobile Black Spot Programme aims to stimulate competition in mobile services in regional and remote Australia.

Telstra and Vodafone - two of the three national mobile network operators - have secured significant funding under Round 1 of the programme. A condition of funding is that other mobile network operators have an opportunity to elect to co-locate on the funded base stations, in advance of the design for the base station being settled.

This will mean that, when new base stations are built under the Mobile Black Spot Programme, they will not only deliver new mobile service from one mobile network operator – they will also give the other mobile network operators means by which to enter the market of that location, more cheaply than would otherwise be the case.