

Mobile Coverage Programme Discussion Paper

Submission Cover Sheet

Submission Information

This cover sheet should be attached to submissions made to the Department of Communications in relation to the Mobile Coverage Programme Discussion Paper.

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Date: 7 February 2014

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Submission Instructions

Submissions are to be made by **5:00pm (AEST) Friday 28 February 2014**.

Where possible, submissions should be lodged electronically, preferably in Microsoft Word or other text-based formats via the email address mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au

Alternatively, submissions can be sent to the postal address below (to arrive by the due date):

The Manager
Mobile Coverage Programme
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As a resident of Yass Valley situated on the doorstep of the National Capital and residing in one of the many mobile phone blackspots of this area, I thank the Government for an opportunity to comment on the discussion paper.

As an older citizen carrying on Primary Production alone, I have great concerns for my safety without the benefit of being able to access mobile coverage for help should I have an accident and be unable to access my only option of fixed line communication.

In an emergency, the lives of regional residents can depend on accessing a mobile network and our safety should not be at any greater risk than those residing in cities.

To ensure that the Government's policy objective of achieving maximum value for money, I submit that priority consideration of allocating funding should be to initially fund solutions for more densely populated regional blackspot areas.