



Australian Government

Regional Telecommunications Review

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The Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee has today released the 2015 Regional Telecommunications Review Issues Paper for public comment.

The Committee, comprising Ms Deena Shiff (Chair), Ms Su McCluskey, Mr Robin Eckermann and Ms Georgie Somerset, is inviting submissions from the public and interested stakeholders on key issues affecting people in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

The Regional Telecommunications Review comes at an important time for people living in remote, rural and regional Australia, with telecommunications infrastructure being upgraded through the rollout of the national broadband network and the Australian Government's \$100 million Mobile Black Spot Programme.

"I encourage individuals, businesses, peak bodies and other interested organisations to make a submission to the Committee. We are specifically interested to hear about how the Australian Government and other levels of government, industry, and the community can support access to telecommunications services that meet the needs of people living in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia," Ms Shiff said.

"We will also be holding a number of online consultations over the next few weeks. These consultations will be structured around specific areas of interest and will provide opportunities to discuss key issues related to this review directly with Committee members. Details of these sessions will be on our website shortly."

The issues paper is available at www.rtirc.gov.au/issues-paper with submissions due by **Wednesday 15 July 2015**. The Committee will report its findings to Government by 23 August 2015.

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