

Shire of Esperance

Devastating bushfires in the Shire of Esperance during 2015 resulted in the death of 4 people. The coronial inquest at the time highlighted that communications was a significant issue for firefighters and also for the public during evacuations.

During a bushfire emergency mains power is often required to be turned off incapacitating the mobile phone towers.

Communication during emergencies such as this at the critical time is when mobile phone signal is often required the most to save life and infrastructure.

Ensuring mobile phone towers can continue to function as stand-alone units is vital during emergencies and should be prioritised.