

Submission to Mobile Network Hardening Program Perth Hills Round - Draft Grant Opportunity Guidelines: City of Kalamunda

Good afternoon,

We strongly support this initiative, particularly its focus on strengthening back-up power for mobile communications infrastructure. Enhancing the resilience of telecommunications during power outages will provide significant benefits to community members, ensuring they can stay informed, connected, and safe during critical events.

It will be critical that Telecommunication Providers liaise with Local Governments as part of their applications to determine suitable locations for infrastructure upgrades and that resilience will be increased, and coverage provided, across areas of the community that need it the most.

Improved battery back-up systems and ATS technology will help maintain mobile coverage during emergencies, including bushfires, when reliable communication is vital for timely warnings, evacuation information, and coordination between emergency services. This increased reliability directly supports the safety and wellbeing of residents, especially those in high-risk or remote areas.

Strengthening mobile network resilience **will:**

- ensure community members can access reliable mobile services during extended outages and emergency situations;
- support effective public safety communications, including bushfire alerts and emergency response efforts; and
- provide residents, businesses, and emergency services with uninterrupted access to essential mobile connectivity when it matters most.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide feedback.

Kind regards

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