

# Mobile Coverage Programme Discussion Paper

## Submission Cover Sheet

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<b>Submission Instructions</b>	
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Sir / Ma'am

Enclosed are copies of correspondence to and from a variety of ministers, senators, local businesses and local residents that have been "bouncing" forward and backwards, left to right and up and down since 2010. Each sends a disturbing underlying message – "not my problem but gee I wish you luck". Also enclosed are copies of newspaper interviews that have been held over the last 6 years.

As I am sure you can appreciate we as a community are frustrated; we had great support from Bill Sykes and Peter Ryan when in opposition however, that soon change when they got into government – their catch cry now is that it is a "federal issue".

We as a small community tick several boxes when it comes to the projects criteria:

- We are on a major route to the Victorian snow fields;
- We are a small community with poor landline communications, no mobile coverage, no local TV coverage and enjoy NT evening news via satellite – we laugh at cyclone warnings when we have fires in the local area;
- We were in the heart of the 2009 fires;
- We were affected by the 2003 and 2006 fires;
- We have had three road fatalities and more than 6 serious accidents in the last 3 years that could have had better outcomes if we had mobile coverage to coordinate ambulances, police and the coroner;

I am more than happy to meet with yourself and/or a representative to discuss this submission further.

Regards

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