

# 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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#### 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](mailto: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  
Department of Communications  
GPO Box 2154  
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- Telstra provides the best mobile coverage in regional areas and is the only viable service provider for regional businesses that require travel outside of the regional towns.
- Any assistance should be aimed at an extension of the Telstra network. Spreading funding over multiple carriers would only dilute the effectiveness.
- The only other option may be to allow free roaming between multiple carriers or for the government to own the facilities with all services providers to have access to those facilities. This would provide the best coverage in remote areas at least cost.
- Assistance should be aimed at coverage black spots within the regional population centres with first priority to the large centres and to ensuring full coverage of the Pacific Highway.
- Minimum services should be 3G voice and 4G data.
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