

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

Alternatively, submissions can be sent to the postal address below (to arrive by the due date):

The Manager
Mobile Coverage Programme
Department of Communications
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28 February 2014

The Manager
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Dear Sir/Madam

Mobile Coverage Programme – Discussion Paper

The Mid Murray Council covers a geographic area encompassing 6,266 square kilometres stretching from the town of Mannum to Morgan/Cadell. The Council area includes 17 towns, 220 kilometres of the Murray River and 3,500 kilometres of road; most of which are unsealed. A map is attached indicating the geographic location of the Council.

There are a number of areas within the Mid Murray Council area that have no mobile phone coverage or poor coverage. These areas are as follows:-

Areas of no coverage include -

Keyneton, near the Council boundary,
Between Angas Valley and Sanderston,
Sanderston to Mannum

Areas of poor coverage include –

Caloote,
Wall Flat,
Outskirts of Cambrai,
Palmer

And some areas of the Murray River corridor.

It is noted that there is a proposed \$80 million mobile network expansion project with 3 delivery options proposed. It is also noted that there is a \$20 million mobile black spot project to improve mobile phone services in locations with unique mobile phone coverage problems, such as small communities that experience increased population during peak seasonal periods.

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The Mid Murray Council merely wishes to highlight that consideration should be given to the best delivery option to ensure mobile phone coverage in the abovementioned areas, irrespective of their small population base. During the recent Eden Valley bushfire, one of the most important issues highlighted by landowners affected was the need for mobile phone coverage. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if Council's submission could be taken into account as part of your deliberations.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Peate', written in a cursive style.

Russell Peate
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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