

# 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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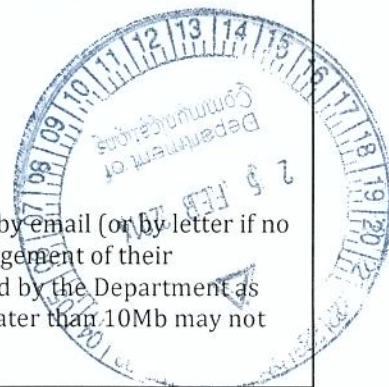
Submissions are to be made by **5:00pm (AEST) Friday 28 February 2014**.

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  
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## RUGBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

19<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

We wish to put forward a submission for the Mobile Coverage Programme. We think we qualify for all the programmes.

Rugby is situated half way between Boorowa and Crookwell on the South West Slopes of the Great Dividing Range in NSW. The village of Rugby is surrounded by some 150 or more people running farms etc with a very unreliable landline system. We suffer from lightning that hits the granite rocks and the very old junction boxes and we always have trouble with our landline when it rains a lot. Also damage by wildlife and livestock is a great issue.

Our district has a very high incidence of major bush fires due to our very rugged and eroded terrain. Our evacuation point for disasters is the Community Hall in the middle of the village and we have no means of outside communication, should a disaster arise. The Rugby Public School is across the road with children involved, who would need immediate evacuation when the creek floods or there is a fire. Over the last 5 years we have had two floods where the river cut of the village and we have had 5 major fires.

The village or Rugby is on a major transport route Main Road 248 West with an average of 127 motor vehicle movements per day, 7% of those trucks. It has at least 15km radius of no mobile reception and UHF radios work with a very limited success

There have been some wonderful tower sites proposed by past enquiries, mainly Snowy Mount Bigga, Mt Narrawa between Crookwell and Boorowa and Tower Hill at Rugby. All these would allow mobile communication to be received in this area.

In this day and age it is imperative that we be able to work with mobile phone coverage in our businesses.

Regards,



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