

# Mobile Coverage Programme Discussion Paper

## Submission Cover Sheet

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28th February 2014

The Honourable Paul Fletcher MP  
Parliamentary Secretary for the  
Minister for Communications  
Department of Communications  
GPO Box 2154  
CANBERRA ACT 2615

Dear Sir

Re: Submission for the Mobile Coverage Programme

We draw to your attention the lack of mobile service coverage in the Bland Shire, around Tallimba, Weethalle and Ardlethan. Businesses and households in this area suffer from extremely poor mobile phone and internet coverage.

The township of Tallimba is in a black spot. Over the past few years the students and staff at Tallimba Public School have been at great disadvantage. One example of this is that the company responsible for providing us with solar panels has not been able to replace our meter for our solar system to be connected to the grid as they rely on mobile coverage. As a result, for the past 3 months (The best time of year to produce solar energy) our Solar System has been disconnected from the grid by the electricity provider as we await a suitable replacement that does not work off mobile coverage. We are a small school with a small budget and a big electricity bill, if we had mobile coverage this problem would have been solved in December.

Also there have been issues with emergencies such as flooded roads, we have had trouble in the past getting hold of parents so that we can send the children home early. At times this has caused staff to remain at the school longer than necessary risking their own safety when they try to get home to their own families.

We are in urgent need of another phone tower to cover the black spots in our area.

We look forward to your immediate attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully

Staff and Students Tallimba Public School