

## Mobile Black Spot Reception Submission

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- We have no mobile reception on our farm which is 85km from Grafton, 45km from Dorrigo and 120km from Armidale in NSW.
- Reception is essential for our personal safety (farming can be dangerous work), for our farming business (as so much business and education is carried out online) and personal connection to family, friends and other social connectivity.
- This is exacerbated in emergencies like the bushfires in 2019 where we did not receive emergency messages
- In the last 12 months we have had a satellite dish installed and so have internet access inside our dwelling. This has improved our connectivity on a business footing but has not addressed our need for safety and social communication.
- Before the last election we were assured by our local MP (Chris Gulapatis Member for Clarence) that our lack of mobile reception will be addressed. So far no discernable change as we still need to drive 2km to get mobile phone reception and 15km for reliable communication.

We submit that we are disadvantaged by the lack of reliable mobile phone reception on our farm and ask that you address this situation.

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