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Discussion paper submission
Mobile Black Spot Program
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Dear Minister,

My electorate of Longman is on the outer-urban fringe of Brisbane, approximately halfway between Brisbane CBD and the Sunshine Coast. Longman is quite diverse, consisting of urban areas between Kallangur and Caboolture, rural areas of Wamuran and Woodford which include strawberry and dairy farms, and Bribie Island, which has the highest percentage population over the age of 65 in Queensland.

Due to previous rounds of the MBSP using the ASGS Remoteness Areas to define boundaries of urban and regional, the built up areas of Bribie Island have been classified as Inner Regional Australia, whilst the rural areas of Upper Caboolture, Moorina, Elimbah, Wamuran and the farming area around the Abbey Museum is classified as Major Cities of Australia.

One suggestion would be to use population density by SA1 to identify rural areas on the urban fringe.

Another issue which I frequently receive correspondence about is the mobile reception in retirement and over 50's villages. Quite often these developments are built in areas with already poor reception. I believe the developers should be working with the mobile network operators to ensure that mobile reception is of a sufficient standard. Many of the residents in these villages require their health devices to be monitored with mobile reception.

Longman has been fortunate enough to have had seven base stations built under the MBSP. However, according to the database of reported black spot locations, <https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-program>, Longman still has over 50 known black spot locations, of which 19 are classified as Major Cities of Australia.

Kind regards,

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