

Media Release

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION TO TACKLE REGIONAL MOBILE BLACK SPOTS

Community consultation is set to take place across regional Australia as the Federal Coalition Government seek nominations ahead of Round 4 of the Mobile Black Spot Program.

Federal Member for Mallee and Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister, Andrew Broad said North Western Victoria has been successful in previous rounds and hopes the \$25 million investment under Round 4 will help eliminate more local black spots.

“A major concern of many of our people is safety. I have heard plenty of stories about locals who are in an accident or an emergency in our patch and they can’t make a mobile phone call for help – it’s a very scary reality,” Mr Broad said.

“We have had success in past rounds with 27 new or improved base stations in our local communities and that has been great, but we know there is more to be done.”

“It is not unreasonable to expect mobile coverage across our regional communities as our metropolitan areas receive, and I am really looking forward to what can be delivered under this next round.”

“I will be talking with local and state government as well as our local community members and carriers to nominate priority black spots in our patch.”

Under the Federal Coalition Government’s Mobile Black Spot Program more than 600 out of the total 867 base stations have already been delivered across regional Australia.

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