



# The Hon John Cobb MP

Federal Member for Calare

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### **Mobile Black Spot Programme delivers 18 base stations for Calare**

Eighteen new mobile base stations will be built in the electorate of Calare under the Abbott Government's \$100 million Mobile Black Spot Programme, Federal Member for Calare John Cobb announced today.

"This is a great outcome for Calare, with a total of \$10.16M to be invested on new and improved mobile coverage in the area," said Mr Cobb.

"The electorate of Calare had 149 black spots nominated by local residents to be eligible for new and improved mobile coverage under the Mobile Black Spot Programme, and today's announcement will see 84 of those mobile black spots receive coverage.

I'm absolutely thrilled that Calare has been successful in gaining such a high number of base stations, with only two other electorates to get eighteen. This should go a long way to fixing both mobile coverage and access to the internet.

"Locations for the base stations are spread right across the electorate, filling in black spot coverage for villages, highways and rural and business areas," said Mr Cobb.

Mr Cobb said Calare's base station work will be undertaken by both Telstra and Vodaphone, and I thank both these entities for working with the Federal Government to deliver greater mobile coverage to rural and regional areas.

"All those tenders applied for in Calare by Vodaphone and Telstra have been successful in gaining approval for go-ahead from the Federal Government.

"I'd also like to congratulate those businesses and councils in Calare who provided resources and funding towards the base stations, without their cooperation some of these projects would not have been viable."

In addition to the \$100 million in Commonwealth funding for the first stage of the programme, a further \$60 million in funding has today been announced for Round 2.

Round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Programme, and Telstra's commitment to build 200 new 4G mini base stations, will offer further opportunities to meet unmet demand and provide coverage to more locations around regional and remote Australia.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications Paul Fletcher said that the outcome of the Mobile Black Spot Programme had significantly exceeded expectations.

"Almost 500 new or upgraded mobile base stations will be built across regional and remote Australia, covering a total of 3,000 mobile black spots from the more than 6,000 black spots nominated by the public," Mr Fletcher said.

"The Mobile Black Spot Programme has successfully leveraged significant co-contributions from State and local Governments, mobile carriers, and third party organisations, bringing the total funding amount to over \$385 million," Mr Fletcher said.

"The Programme has delivered substantial competitive benefits, with both Telstra and Vodafone granted funding to build new or upgraded base stations. In addition, the mobile network operator selected to build a base station must give the other mobile network operators the opportunity to co-locate on that base station," Mr Fletcher said.



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“Today’s announcement to invest an additional \$60 million of Commonwealth funds means that the work done under the first round of the Programme – in identifying priority locations, engaging with the mobile network operators Telstra, Optus and Vodafone and other industry participants, developing guidelines for a competitive selection process, and in canvassing local councils and state governments for their support – can be leveraged to allow the next round of funding to be deployed efficiently,” he said.

Under Round 1 of the Mobile Black Spot Programme, a database of 6,221 locations around Australia was developed, being locations nominated by Australians as needing improved mobile coverage. This database was the starting point for the competitive selection process under which the mobile network operators were asked to nominate sites where they would build new or upgraded base stations to serve the black spot locations nominated by the public, and the Government chose from the sites nominated by the mobile network operators using a ranking process specified in the guidelines.

The Government will re-open the database allowing members of the public to nominate further locations in outer metropolitan, regional and remote Australia which do not have mobile coverage. Nominations can be emailed to [mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au](mailto:mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au)

The first base stations to be funded under the Programme will begin to roll out in the second half of 2015, and the full roll out will continue over a three year period.

A map of locations which will receive new or upgraded coverage under the first round of funding under the Mobile Black Spot Programme is available from <http://nationalmap.gov.au/>

|    | <b>Stations for the electorate of Calare (NSW)</b> |          |                           |
|----|----------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 1  | Abercrombie River National Park                    | Telstra  | Oberon LGA                |
| 2  | Barry                                              | Telstra  | Blayney LGA               |
| 3  | Bedgerebong                                        | Telstra  | Forbes LGA<br>Parkes LGA  |
| 4  | Bogee                                              | Telstra  | Lithgow LGA               |
| 5  | Capertee                                           | Telstra  | Lithgow LGA               |
| 6  | Clarence                                           | Telstra  | Lithgow LGA               |
| 7  | Neville                                            | Telstra  | Blayney LGA               |
| 8  | Porters Retreat                                    | Telstra  | Oberon LGA                |
| 9  | Rockley                                            | Telstra  | Bathurst LGA              |
| 10 | Trunkey Creek                                      | Telstra  | Bathurst LGA              |
| 11 | Warroo                                             | Telstra  | Forbes LGA<br>Parkes LGA  |
| 12 | Cargo                                              | Vodafone | Cabonne LGA               |
| 13 | Castlereagh Highway, Ben Bullen                    | Vodafone | Lithgow LGA               |
| 14 | Cumnock                                            | Vodafone | Cabonne LGA               |
| 15 | Eugowra                                            | Vodafone | Cabonne LGA<br>Forbes LGA |
| 16 | Jemalong                                           | Vodafone | Forbes LGA<br>Parkes LGA  |
| 17 | Manildra                                           | Vodafone | Cabonne LGA               |
| 18 | Molong                                             | Vodafone | Cabonne LGA               |



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**Coverage will be provided to all or part of the following locations nominated as black spots – (by handheld or external antenna coverage)**

**Unique Locations**

· Abercrombie National Park

· Ammerdown Estate

· Barry

· Bedgerebong

· Black Springs

· Blayney

· Boguee

· Borenore

· Burruga

· Calare

· Canowindra

· Capertee

· Carcoar

· Cargo

· Chifley Road

· Clarence

· Clergate

· Corinella

· Cumnock

· Dargan

· Duckmaloi

· East Guyong

· Eugowra

· Forty Bends

· Four Mile Creek

· Gingkin

· Glen Alice

· Gumble

· Hobbys Yards

· Jemalong

· Lake Cowell

· Lidster Hill



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| · Lithgow                                                     |
| · Lowther                                                     |
| · Lyndhurst                                                   |
| · Manildra                                                    |
| · Molong                                                      |
| · Mount Canobolas                                             |
| · Mount David                                                 |
| · Mount Olive                                                 |
| · Neville                                                     |
| · Nyrang Creek                                                |
| · Oberon                                                      |
| · Ooma                                                        |
| · Paling Yards                                                |
| · Porters Retreat                                             |
| · Rockley                                                     |
| · Rydal                                                       |
| · Shooters Hill                                               |
| · Sodwalls                                                    |
| · Trunkey Creek                                               |
| · Warroo                                                      |
| · Waugan                                                      |
| · Windera                                                     |
| · Wollangambe                                                 |
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| <b>Roads and Highway Sections</b>                             |
| · Abercrombie Road - Between Goulburn and Oberon              |
| · Abercrombie Road - Between Oberon and Taralga               |
| · Abercrombie Road - Between Taralga and Black Springs        |
| · Amaroo Road - Between Molong and Orange                     |
| · Baldry Road - Between Cumnock and Baldry                    |
| · Banjo Paterson Way - Between Cumnock and Yeoval             |
| · Belgravia Road - Between Strathmore Lane and Burrendong Way |
| · Cargo Road - Between Canowindra and Orange                  |
| · Castlereagh Highway - Between Lithgow and Ilford            |
| · Condobolin Road - Between Condobolin and Parkes             |
| · Engowra-Forbes Road - Between Engowra and Forbes            |
| · Euchareena Road - Between Molong and Euchareena             |
| · Glen Alice Road - Between Bogee and Glen Davis              |



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| · Henry Lawson Way - Between Muddy Lagoon and Grawlin       |
| · Kangaroo Road - Between Belgravia Road and Burrendong Way |
| · Main Western Railway - Between Bathurst and Lithgow       |
| · Main Western Railway - Between Lithgow and Orange         |
| · Mitchell Highway - Between Wellington and Orange.         |
| · Nangar Road - Between Eugowra and Canowindra              |
| · Newell Highway - Between West Wyalong and Forbes          |
| · Obley Road - Between Cumnock and Molong                   |
| · O'Connell Road - Between Bathurst and Oberon              |
| · Orange Road - Between Orange and Manildra                 |
| · Shooters Hill Road - Between Tarago and Oberon            |
| · Strathmore Lane - Between Molong and Orange               |
| · The Escort Way - Between Cudal and Orange                 |
| · The Escort Way - Between Eugowra and Cudal                |
| · The Escort Way - Between Forbes, Eugowra and Cudal        |
| · Trunkey Road - Between Trunkey Creek and Georges Plain    |

