

Mobile Black Spot Program: Improved Mobile Service to Regions

#### **Description**

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The Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP) has in seven rounds of funding invested more than \$1 billion to deliver up to 1,400 new mobile base stations across Australia, as a Government initiative to invest in telecommunications infrastructure to improve mobile coverage and competition across Australia.

- The combined grant opportunity for Round 7 of the MBSP and Round 3 of the Regional Connectivity Program (RCP) distributed \$170.2 million (GST inclusive) in funding awarded for a total of 136 mobile and broadband solutions across Australia.
- The MBSP is supported by co-contributions from state and local governments, national Mobile Network Operators (<u>Optus</u>, <u>Telstra</u>, <u>TPG Telecom Ltd (formerly Vodafone)</u>, and Mobile Network Infrastructure Providers (<u>Field Solutions Group</u> and <u>OneWiFi</u>). For more information about the MBSP, including information on how the locations of base stations were selected, see the <u>Mobile Black Spot Programâ??s FAQs page</u>.

Funding from this round included:

- \$41.3 million to deliver 43 new base stations across Australia; and
- \$13.6 million will be provided for 19 new base stations located in First Nations communities.
- 25 new OneWiFi neutral host base stations that will support multi-carrier outcomes.

For more information visit <u>Mobile Black Spot Program | Department of Infrastructure,</u> Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.





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