



Australian Government

Department of Communications

Mobile Black Spot Programme

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Programme overview

- > \$100 million Commonwealth commitment
- > Regional, remote and outer metropolitan Australia
- > Competition & coverage outcomes
- > Industry and state/local government contributions
- > Applications to be assessed on a base station by base station basis



Database of reported locations

- > Around 6,000 mobile black spot locations reported nationally
- > Reports taken in good faith
- > Locations nominated by applicants must come from database

Co-contributions

- > Applicants
- > State and Territory governments
- > Local councils (cash and/or in-kind)
 - Financial
 - Community consultation on sites
 - Planning & site approvals
 - Lease arrangements
 - Civil works / site access / power
- > Other third parties

NBN Co role

- > NBN fixed-wireless network
- > Existing and/or planned infrastructure
- > Potential cost savings

Open access and co-location

- > Where more than one MNO is interested in a nominated greenfield location
- > Selected applicant/s to provide other MNOs the opportunity to pre-commit to co-locate
- > Co-locating MNOs participate in design and build phase

Indicative Timing and next steps

October 2014

Guidelines released and call for applications from industry

February 2015

Applications due

April 2015

Successful base stations announced