

# Australia’s Diverse Communications Landscape

## Schools of the air

* The Alice Springs School of the Air is the world’s largest classroom, covering 1.3 million square kilometres.

## Payphone services

* We have 25,876 operational payphones located across Australia.

## Deep space communications

* Australia operates one of only three NASA Deep Space Tracking Stations in the world. It’s located in Tidbinbilla ACT.

## Mobile coverage

* Our mobile providers collectively claim to provide mobile coverage to over 99% of the Australian population – which equates to around 30% of our landmass!

## Australia Post

* 11,000+ Australia Post vehicles travelled more than 350 million kilometres in 2014-15. This is further than travelling to the sun and back!

## Submarine Cables

* 11 submarine cables connect us to the world.

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