

RADIO LANDLINE TELEPHONE

Submission to Universal Services Discussion Paper

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We reside on a 65,000 acre family cattle station in western Queensland. Our nearest town is Blackall, 150km away.

Currently our own family of 4 live in one house, with Scott's elderly parents living in a second house on the station.

Both houses have landline phone connections from the one solar radio tower. The only mobile phone reception we receive is through wi-fi on our satellite internet service. However, Scott's parents do not have internet and wi-fi at their house.

The station is also at the end of the power network from Blackall and we frequently experience power drop outs. Therefore, losing internet power. We are able to use a generator at these times, provided the men are home to start it.

The landline service is vital during emergencies, medical or otherwise.

We do also find that despite having the use of wi-fi calling, there are rare times that the mobile phone does not ring at all or we do not receive a message until much later. If we experience overcast, stormy or very windy weather, the satellite internet may not work. This is not an entirely reliable solution for telephone communication out here.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

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