

## Durras Community Association

Funding needs to be urgently allocated to ensure all mobile phone towers in areas of high bushfire risk (e.g. NSW south coast) are made resilient for future emergencies. This includes all towers having backup batteries installed with a minimum of 12 hours duration once mains power supply is lost. The buffer zones around all these towers also need to be increased to 50-100metres in all directions to remove all trees and vegetation that may fall on or hit the tower infrastructure during bushfires, severe storms and high winds. The Telstra mobile phone tower at South Durras NSW (located on Crown Land) has an inadequate buffer zone to adjacent large trees and further clearing around this tower is urgently required to make it more resilient during emergencies.