



BULGA PLATEAU RFS BRIGADE

SUBMISSION TO THE 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review

TO: The Hon Alannah MacTiernan, as Chair. Mr Ian Kelly, the Hon Fiona Nash, Dr Jessa Rogers and Ms Kristy Sparrow, 2024 Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee.

- The suitability of regional communications during emergencies and natural hazards, including reliability, resilience, speed and coverage for the Elands Area in NSW.
- Adequacy of regional Australia's telecommunications in the Elands Area, NSW

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Confirmation = submission can be made public.

Mitigation of communications blackouts during emergencies and natural hazards at Elands, NSW.

This is what is required at Elands, NSW to mitigate communications blackouts during emergencies:

- A 12 hour emergency battery supply at both the Elands Telephone Exchange and Elands Mobile Tower.
Current capacity is 3 hours

Adequacy of regional Australia's telecommunications at Elands, NSW.

This is what is required at Elands, NSW to provide telecommunications over a remote rural area in accordance with Regional Broadband Scheme:

- One NBN Co fixed wireless station at Elands with a 14km radial footprint and 12 hour emergency battery supply

Please find above our submission to the 2024 Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee for concurrence and necessary programming, please.

Please advise if further support information is required.

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President

Bulga Plateau Rural Fire Service

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