

Have my Say

I have to say that communications in my area is appalling. I live 15 minutes from Goondiwindi and cannot get reliable internet or mobile phone coverage.

For internet I must have satellite which is very costly (not unlimited like many other people and business in the towns and city have) and unreliable (always dropping out or due to weather not able to access at all).

Mobile service is even worst. I can't call anyone from inside my house I have to walk out into the paddock to even get reception and even then, I must walk around until find enough bars to get reception. When we travel further into our cattle 9000-acre property (note still only 15 minutes from town) there is no reception at all to most parts of the property.

We operate two business one a 9000-acre cattle property just outside of Goondiwindi and a retail business in the town.

I have to say extremely poor internet and mobile coverage is detrimental to our business as when we are working at the cattle property customers, suppliers etc at our retail store can't reach us so loss of business and productivity which is very frustrating when we are so close to town.

Regarding working on the cattle property with poor mobile service it can be dangerous because if an emergency occurs, we may not be able to call for help. This is a major concern as workers and even us as owner operators often must work on our own on the 9000-acre property.

When an emergency occurs and we may be without a phone service (snake bite, vehicle accident, any medical emergency).