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My submission in around the Anakie area and the lack of Mobile phone coverage and Data coverage.

The township sits below a major Telecommunications infrastructure on Mt Anakie and the town ship get`s little to none mobile phone coverage. The data coverage is at 3G and sometimes gets to 4G; and they want to get onto 5G, what a joke. We sit approximately 40 klm from a major Victorian city, Geelong, & Lara, and they get full service in everything. We are a township of about 300 scattered around and our service is well below average.

A few months ago the township had a major meltdown and had NO Service or DATA for about 3 months due to some malfunction in an exchange that fed Anakie, not good enough as some residents only have mobile phones to communicate with the outside in a time of need.

The Anakie Brigade was offline during this time, as we are a local command facility we have no phones no data coverage for that period. In some areas around the township there are many blackspots and if the Fire services in response to fires, require to get service it is a long trip around to get some, this happens even if we have line of site with the tower on Mt Anakie.

Still to this date the coverage is minimal at best -