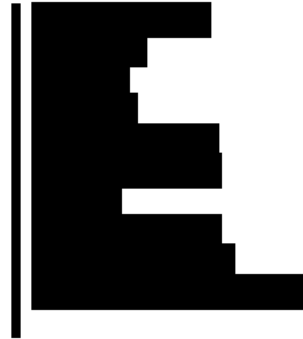


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A.R. & V.C.KITSON



Dear Helen,

In support of the Proposed Tower at Pan Ban exchange,

I am asking for this Tower to be done to Mainly give "Outback People" something back. They have just witnessed one of the worst droughts on record and would be nice for them to have a reliable service for them to do their day to day internet things when and where they want to. They have provided to all of us through the hard times and I feel it's time to give something back. I can assure you the government will get money back somehow from a service like this to the outback.

There was a situation out that way a few years ago (since I started asking for this tower) where there was a motor bike accident and they had to relay a message to the homestead to call an Ambulance. The guy was Lying in the paddock waiting for hours only to have to get a message back to the house to say the Ambo hadn't arrived so the Pooncarie Volunteers went to meet them as they put him in a ute to meet the Ambulance. Had there have been mobile service there could have been communication from the accident site.

There thankfully hasn't been any thing of the past couple of years but this is the reason I am pushing so hard so if anything does happen they is the security of Mobile service.

There are so so many young Mothers that travel that road with their children that go to Mildura for medical reasons or just get groceries and supplies for the farms, that would mean security for them and for their Husbands to be able to have contact with them. It's 200 plus Kilometres on all dirt road some of them are traveling and the roads were atrocious during the drought because they couldn't be graded.

At the end of the Pan Ban Exchange line there is a family with 2 special needs children, when it rains the land line can go blank for 2 weeks or more before it can be fixed. So that means NO communication for those 2 households for that long. Absolutely no excuse in the 20th century.

As I said there hasn't been anything bad happened out that way recently but I certainly don't want to have to tell you of anything Just to get this through and I shouldn't have to.

There is an Ambulance Volunteer and Fire captains out there as well, and if there is an emergency and they are out the paddock they wouldn't get the call because of no Mobile service.

It's also for any of the emergency services if something happens its security for everyone whether it be Emergency services, Travelers, Tradies, Truck Drivers, Property Owners, Council workers on the roads doing road works.

Most of us can pick up our phone any time of the day or night to make a phone call, check our email, and so on. Country people should be able to do the same but in that area they can't do that. Most of these farms are 80000 to 120000 Acres and bigger so can be quite a few Kilometres away from the house, and be out from Daylight till Dark.

Helen you would understand being off a farm how important it is to have connectivity for day to day running of a farm. Out the paddock all day, can only make calls from the House get home that night have emails & missed calls can lead to missing an important sale for their stock.

There is Optic Fibre Cable to this Exchange in question and I am asking for a Mono Tower that will fill a huge Black Spot between Pooncarie & Darnick.

There is a good Hill not far from Pan Ban House where this could be erected to give great coverage and fill in a big area of Black spot.

I have everything crossed that very soon I will hear some good news on a Tower being built near Pan Ban.

Regards
Val Kitson

Names for Proposed Pan Ban Telstra Tower

Darren Old BR&C Stock Agent Mildura

Jason Morrison BR&C Stock Agent Mildura

Coulton Preston BR&C Stock Agent Mildura

Matt Rowland BR&C Stock Agent Mildura

Darren Mirtschin BR&C Stock Agent Swan Hill

Joe O'Rilley BR&C Stock Agent Swan Hill

Joe Dowling Local Land Services (Western) Wentworth

Peta Hibbard Sheep Pregnancy Scanner Mildura

Russell Borchard. Borchtrans Transport Curlwaa

Ben Prendergast Transport

Geoff Sutton Elders Mildura

Evan Fernandez Elders Mildura

Brad Crow. Kangaroo Shooter. Pooncarie

Tony Dunstan. Kangaroo Shooter Balranald

Mungo Lodge (Near Mungo National Park)

Steve Walker Rural Fire Service (Wentworth)

Local Emergency Management Officer - Peter Kozlowski (Council GM)

Steve Smith Birdwood Station

Brendan O'Donnell Birdwood Station

Des Freeman Willkurra Station

Wicus Cronje Sheep Classer Mildura

Malcom Brady (Formaly BR&C Stock Agents) now casual

Clayton & Clancy Griffiths Pan Ban Station

Wade & Terri Griffiths Spring Hill Station

Garry & Ros Griffiths Baymore Station

Russell & Rita Clothier Gol Gol Station

Lindley Clothier Gol Gol Station

Tom Pippin C-Lake Station

Bill Neyland (Goat Buyer In Area)

George Kitson Pooncarie Does Mail run in Area

Scott Alderton Mildura. Does Mail run in Area

Rhys & Sarah Harris Mulurulu Station

Peter & Julianne Fitzgerald Neila Station

Sam Fitzgerald Neila Station

Phil & Trish Palmer Overnewton Station

Tom & Beck Palmer Girrawheen Station

Phyllis Carmichael Rose Hill Station

Alan & Gerrie Carmichael Rose Hill Station

Ryan Crozier Dalmorino Station

Mathew Glare Bulgamurra Station & Goat Buyer

Tim Grimes Bulamurra Station

Brett & Amanda Vagg Quamby Station

Ben Palmer Palapah Station

John Ablett Builder Mildura