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Regional Telecommunication Review 2021

To whom it may concern

The importance of decent mobile/internet coverage in small country villages is of the utmost importance. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bush Fire Brigade we have to attend bushfires, motor vehicle accidents, house fires, car fires and assist in other community related disasters. I cannot stress the importance of mobile coverage so that our members can attend any such event. Being able to contact our members quickly, to attend such disasters, it could mean the difference between life and death.

Small villages, especially historic towns such as Hill End, has seen an increase in visitors over the years, since our roads have been tarred and upgraded. This means an increase in traffic. It's only since COVID and lockdowns have been put into place that things are a lot quieter in our local area. People break down in their cars, or get punctures, have medical emergencies and having black spots or limited service on country roads is dangerous.

More towers need to be erected, to ensure there are no black spots and that country towns/villages get the same service as bigger regional towns do. Placement of such towers is very important.

The tower on Monkey Hill needs to be upgraded and make sure that it is servicing the community. It is a perfect spot for a tower and should be able to give coverage all around [REDACTED] but it doesn't.

More emphasis should be on country towns/area to ensure the safety and well-being of all the residents.

Essential services should be a priority and the area where they operate in should also be a priority to ensure adequate communication can happen and quickly.

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