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Dear Sir Madam,

I write to you to bring your attention to the lack of mobile telecommunications in the Bunnan area. This area is home to some of the countries most productive agricultural properties and has very patchy service for mobile phones and other wireless equipment in some areas and none at all in others.

The area between Scone and Merriwa is best known as Bunnan but covers a larger area than the population of Bunnan would suggest. This area extends from Willow tree in the North to Merriwa in the west Scone in the east and Wybong (Denman) in the South. a very sizable chunk of real estate that in actual fact covers areas in both Barnaby Joyce's electorate of New England and Joel Fitzgibbons electorate of Hunter. The area employs many industries including Beef production, Crop farming, Horse studs, Coal mines, sheep and wool farms.

The people of the area are sick of hearing about how the NBN is going to change their lives for the better when they have not even had descent mobile reception yet.

It is not a case of just putting up a tower, the topography of the area is undulating and requires study for the best outcome. The people of the Upper Hunter Shire deserve a telecommunications network that can service their needs and allows for their enterprise to grow.

It is not just about having service it is about having assurance that you are able to have contact over the majority of the property you work.

Kind regards,

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