



Our Ref: Mobile Blackspot Round 5a
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Central Highlands Regional Council would like to make a submission under
Mobile Blackspot – Round 5a (discussion paper)**

At Councils General Meeting on 10 June 2020 Council resolved to:

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Central Highlands Regional Council: Lodge a submission under the Mobile Black Spot Program—Round 5A— Discussion paper based on the current known high priority blackspot areas detailed in the Round 5 application process and feedback from rural constituents being:

- i. Anakie Gemfields Caravan park*
- ii. The following Anakie Properties: 10 Cameron Street, 10 Railway Avenue, Sapphire/Rubyvale Road, 11 Evans Street, 2 Bonacord Road and Richardson Road*
- iii. Anakie Caravan Park*
- iv. Yamala*
- v. “Feez Creek” Capella*
- vi. Capella township*
- vii. Crossroads of Magenta-langton Road with the Retro-Corry Road*
- viii. Cotherstone Road*
- ix. 20 40’ 29” S 147 26’ 21” E. Height 410m 18.5 kms SW Buckland Recreation Club*
- x. 24 51’ 56” S 148 44’ 12” E Height 418m 37kms South of Dawson Highway “Allambee” Arcadia Valley*
- xi. 24 15’ 47”S 148 09’ 51” E Height 411m 18.5kms SE Rodda’s Lookout “Barakee”, “Cardbeign”; and*
- xii. Bauhinia area– Fitzroy Developmental Road.”*

It is recognised that the main intent of the submission process is to seek stakeholder views on the design of the next round of the program, to identify opportunities and lessons learnt, so the program continues to deliver high value outcomes to regional and remote Australia.

It goes without saying that consistent coverage for our communities across the breadth and width of Central Highland Regional Council is paramount to the program's success long term. That being said from an operational perspective I also provide the following feedback for consideration:

Central Highlands Regional Council just as many other regional Local Governments in Queensland are large in nature and have sporadically located communities all with their varying levels of communication capability.

This varying capability has tested Councils ability to effectively manage disasters in the past from fires to floods both from a direct communication perspective with the community and also from a disaster response perspective with emergency services delivered under Councils obligations of the Local Disaster Management Group and SES.

Further to this issue is the ability to effectively gather real time data from our Flood Gauge/Warning network. This comprehensive network gathers data to help inform our disaster operations and is critical to operations. The lack of mobile coverage in some areas across the region continues to provide challenges to adequately acquire this data consistently.

Council is more than happy for this information to be made publicly available. If you have any further questions or require more information, please contact John McDougall on 07 4982 8314.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McDougall', written in a cursive style.

John McDougall
General Manager Communities