

Mobile Black Spot Submission 15/6/2020

My name is David Ham and I am a woolgrower living at Oberne Creek NSW. I have lived here since 1982 and I am a deputy captain in the Rural Fire Service. In January this year my brigade area was severely impacted by the Dunns Rd Fire and fire fighting, mopping up and surveillance was necessary for many weeks.

During this time there were extended periods of power outage, telephone landlines were cut and MOBILE service remained very poor or non-existent as it always is. The fire simply highlighted the need for good communications particularly in an emergency.

In my farming business I also require good mobile phone and Internet services and these remain poor and unreliable post fire. My business competitors have such service and I do not, hardly fair or democratic. I submit that mobile service including the new 5 G should be extended and upgraded to Oberne Creek and surrounding Black spot areas impacted by the fires in Yaven Creek and Taradale as a matter of urgency and necessity ASAP.

Regards

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