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In times of an emergency such as bush fires and accidents people need to be able to access mobile data to request help and assistance. Emergency Services need to remain in contact with first responders during an accident. Employees on properties spend vast amounts of time working alone.

There are three NSW Rural Fire Service trucks located in our region. It's imperative that the RFS volunteers can communicate with each other and the broader community during a fire or accident. The trucks are located at the following locations.

"Fairfield" 1927 Cathundral-Bogan Road, TRANGIE NSW 2823 "Forest Grove" 1987 Tottenham Road, NEVERTIRE NSW 2826 Nevertire Town NSW 2826

The Nevertire -Bogan Road and Tottenham Road has seen a massive increase in Truck and Freight volumes and has become a major alternate traffic route for the Newel Highway.

Agricultural gains are increasing being driven by technology and sensors. These sensors need connectivity to the internet to feedback their data. Increases in connectivity infrastructure will increase productivity and prosperity in the region.

There is already a 30m Telstra tower with optic fibre cable, telephone exchange, and mains power situated 10km south of Nevertire on the Nevertire-Bogan Road that could service the Tottenham - Nevertire Highway and the Mitchell Highway.

There is also a 30M Government owned communications tower based at Cathundral with power attached and battery backup.

Any future towers need to be Telstra based as 100% of the population relies on what Telstra services are currently provided. We need a reliable service.