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Dear Sean,

The Regional Telecommunications Review committee has already been sent a group of submissions concerning mobile phone coverage I had received and others received via State Member for Flinders Peter Treloar from a group of constituents around Coorabie and Fowlers Bay, the group had asked I lodge them on their behalf.

In the letter I informed the committee that following an e-newsletter I sent out in June I received 300 responses nominating black spot areas.

My office has plotted these onto an interactive map which lists the co-ordinates and number of responses from each particular site. I am still receiving reports and will continue to update the map as they come in. I plan to meet with the major providers to see how this information compares to their priorities in order to bring about the best results.

The results indicate huge areas of my electorate (92% of SA) much of it in farming land and on major well used arterial roads and highways where there is no coverage. Although populations can be lighter in some of these areas mobile phone coverage is vital in modern farming systems and essential on major roads.

The raw data supplied by my constituents can be made available to the committee if it is of any direct benefit which I would be prepared to supply on a confidential basis.

Good luck with your inquiry, thank you for bringing the inquiry to two places in my electorate and I look forward to reading your findings.

Yours sincerely,

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