



Mobile Black Spot Programme

FACT SHEET

What if my nominated location did not get funding under Round 1?

The Government has announced that it will fund Round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Programme, with an allocation of \$60 million.

The competitive selection process for Round 2 is expected to commence in 2016, after allowing time for further locations to be nominated by members of the public, and a review of the operation of Round 1. The list of locations to be funded under Round 2 is expected to be announced by the end of 2016.

The Government will reopen the Mobile Black Spot database, allowing members of the public to nominate further locations in outer metropolitan, regional and remote Australia which do not have mobile coverage. Nominations can be emailed to mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au.

In addition, as part of Telstra's proposal, it will build up to 200 4G mini base stations in locations in small towns around Australia where suitable infrastructure is available, with the locations to be mutually agreed between Telstra and the Government.

These mini base stations will provide mobile data coverage in a radius of around 200–300 metres and will support voice services as the technology for 4G based voice becomes available.

The Government expects to agree the locations for the 4G mini base stations with Telstra during the second half of 2015, with the rollout of the 4G mini base stations to commence after that.

Both the Mobile Black Spot Round 2 Programme, and Telstra's commitment to build 200 new 4G mini base stations, offer further opportunities to meet unmet demand and provide coverage to more locations around regional and remote Australia, in addition to the new and upgraded base stations.