

COMMUNICATION BLACKSPOTS TO BE FIXED IN THE FAR NORTH REGION

Today the Commonwealth Government announced 19 communication blackspots in South Australia under Round 4 of the Mobile Blackspot Programme, with seven of those being located in the Far North region.

Mark Sutton, Chair Regional Development Australia (RDA) Far North said that reliable and consistent mobile communications is one of our high priorities in relation to infrastructure needs across the region.

“The announcement today is a great win for our region and goes a long way to ensuring that residents and visitors have consistent mobile phone coverage as they traverse our vast region.”

“Having mobile phone access is key to ensuring the safety of the public, and the covering of these vital blackspots will assist in achieving this, especially in emergency situations.”

“It also means that visitors travelling through the areas can have access to vital and informative tourism information which can assist them on their journey through the regions.”

“RDA Far North has been working with local and state government partners and providers for some time and this is a great win for the Outback Communities Authority, The Flinders Ranges Council and Nipapanha Community Council.”

There were 90 mobile blackspots identified across the Far North region and the Mobile Blackspot Programme has provided solutions for 21 of these locations to date, including the seven announced today.

The base stations that have received funding under Round 4, which will be operational by June 2020 are as follows:

- Cadney Park
- Cradock
- Lyndhurst
- Arkaroola Village
- Nepabunna
- Pichi Richi
- Flinders Ranges Way

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