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## David Littleproud MP

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### **Tower switched on today targeting black spots in Cooyar, South Burnett: Maranoa MP**

More than 250 homes and businesses in the Cooyar region will now have access to mobile phone coverage – thanks to a Federal Government funded tower that was switched on today, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

“Today the Cooyar community will now be able to tune into the 4G network as Vodafone has switched on its new tower set to service the region,” Mr Littleproud said.

“This new tower was funded as a result of the Liberal National Coalition Government’s Mobile Phone Black Spot Program which is strengthening telecommunications in rural and regional Australia, like Cooyar in the Maranoa.

“The Federal Government has committed \$220 million and this commitment was also supplemented by co-contributions from Telstra and Vodafone as well as other stakeholders. Overall, this program has seen more than \$385 million to improve mobile phone services in the bush.

“The former Labor Government didn’t even invest \$1 to address mobile phone black spots but the Coalition Government has sought input and we’re targeting black spots nominated through public consultation.

“Breaks in our telecommunications network hinder emergency services, tourism and business – that’s why this program is so important for rural communities.”

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