



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

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New mobile phone tower targeting Adavale black spot activated ahead of schedule: David Littleproud MP

A notorious mobile phone black spot in Adavale has been targeted ahead of schedule thanks to Federal Government funding – further strengthening telecommunications in Western Queensland, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“This black spot at Adavale was troubling and isolating for the community, that’s why the Coalition’s Mobile Black Spots Program is so important as it strengthens our communications network across rural and remote Australia,” Mr Littleproud said.

“I’m pleased the new Adavale mobile base station was activated just before Christmas – and ahead of schedule – giving the community and tourists peace-of-mind during a time when many are travelling to visit family and loved ones over the festive season.

“The former Labor Government didn’t even invest \$1 to address mobile phone black spots or help build a single tower so I’m proud to be delivering better mobile coverage to Maranoa as this was a key election issue.”

The Maranoa MP – whose vast electorate covers about 42% of Queensland – said mobile phone coverage was more than just communication for rural and remote communities.

“Last month, it was exciting to announce that Round 2 of the Coalition’s Mobile Black Spots Program was to deliver 19 new or upgraded towers – including 10 in Western Queensland – to increase connectivity across my electorate,” he said.

“Breaks in our communications hinder emergency services, tourism, education and business growth – that’s why this program is so important for Maranoa and why I’ve been advocating so hard on this issue.”

Mobile phone black spots were targeted under the program following an appeal to the public to nominate black spots.

More information about the Coalition Government’s Mobile Black Spot Program can be found at www.communications.gov.au/mbsp

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