



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### DAVID LITTLEPROUD CALLS ON COMMUNITIES TO NOMINATE MOBILE BLACK SPOT LOCATIONS

OUT here, mobile phone coverage is more than staying connected and that's why Maranoa MP David Littleproud has urged locals to nominate mobile black spots to the Federal Government's national database.

"Now's the time to nominate mobile black spot areas around our region to put them in the mix for part of the next \$25 million round of the Coalition Government's Mobile Blackspot Programme," Mr Littleproud said.

"People in the bush shouldn't have to roam around their property, waving their phone in the air trying to pick up a signal.

"We're the only ones with a plan to address blackspots – when Labor was in government, they didn't invest even \$1 into bush mobile phone coverage."

To be eligible, locations must have poor or no mobile coverage and not be located in urban centres. The selection process will prioritise coverage for essential services.

"Better mobile coverage helps rural business, medical, educational and emergency services, tourism, families and communities," he said.

Mobile black spot location nominations to the National Database will be used by applicants for Round Four of the Coalition Government's \$220 million Mobile Black Spot Programme.

To nominate a mobile black spot location, visit [www.davidlittleproud.com.au/mobile-black-spots/](http://www.davidlittleproud.com.au/mobile-black-spots/) and submit a nomination form by October 3, 2018. Nomination forms can also be collected from electorate offices.

For more information on the program, visit [www.communications.gov.au/mbsp](http://www.communications.gov.au/mbsp).

To check whether a location is already listed on the National Database, visit [www.nationalmap.gov.au](http://www.nationalmap.gov.au).

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