



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Mobile signal to expand at Girraween National Park Maranoa MP announces**

Mobile phone coverage will expand around the Castle Rock Campground – in the Girraween National Park on the Granite Belt – when an Optus tower is switched on later this year thanks to the Coalition Federal Government’s Mobile Black Spot Program, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

“Expanding mobile coverage to areas that we enjoy for camping or bushwalking means that we can all check in with our loved ones and most importantly, be aware of any risks, like floods or bushfire,” Mr Littleproud said.

The Maranoa MP – whose vast electorate covers about 42% of Queensland – said mobile phone coverage is considered more than a simple convenience.

“Breaks in our communications hinder education, business opportunities, tourism, contacting loved ones and calling for help in an emergency – that’s why this funding program is so important,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Labor did not help build a single mobile phone tower nor invest a single cent in mobile coverage in six years of Government.”

The Castle Rock Campground mobile phone tower was funded under Round Four of the Coalition Federal Government’s Mobile Black Spot Program.

More information about the Coalition Federal Government’s Mobile Black Spot Program can be found at [www.communications.gov.au/mbsp](http://www.communications.gov.au/mbsp).

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