



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Coalition Federal Government to deliver new mobile coverage to Guluguba**

Mobile coverage in the Guluguba region, near Wandoan, will expand with a Telstra base station - funded through the Coalition Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program – set for construction by the end of June, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

“My goal is to help build the kinds of communities our children and grandchildren either want to stay in or come back to, and better mobile phone coverage is certainly a big part of that,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Improved mobile coverage for Guluguba hands locals more choices in how they live their lives and, ultimately, gives people a great opportunity to not only stay up to speed with education, business, news and contacting loved ones but also calling for help in an emergency.”

Coverage is expected to reach farms, small businesses, the Post Office, Guluguba State School and sections of the Leichhardt Highway.

“Breaks in our communications hinder emergency services, tourism and business – that’s why this program is so important for Maranoa and why I’ve been advocating so hard on this issue,” 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 Coalition Federal Government has invested \$160 million into round 5 and 6 of the Mobile Black Spot Program, building on an initial \$220 million allocated in the first four rounds.

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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