



Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC
Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports;
Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

Our ref.: 64-10887
Your ref.: Petition No. 103

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Committee Office, Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO. 103 – BLACK SPOT MOBILE COVERAGE

Thank you for your letter dated 14 February 2019 regarding Petition No. 103 from Dorothy Saddleton.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is aware of the mobile coverage gaps along Goodwood Road between Donnybrook and Capel.

I am pleased to advise that a new mobile base station near Newlands, put forward by the Western Australian Government and Telstra in January 2019, has been awarded funding under Round 4 of the Mobile Black Spot Program. This will significantly improve reception along the eastern end of Goodwood Road, however vehicles will need an external antenna for continuous handheld coverage due to the tree cover and undulating nature of the terrain. The Newlands site should be completed during 2019-20.

Two additional mobile base station sites near Ironstone Gully Falls and Goodwood Road West have been identified for future investment, subject to additional State and Commonwealth funding becoming available.

Yours sincerely

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