

Media Release

Andrew Broad

Member for Mallee

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\$25 MILLION IN BLACK SPOT FUNDING ANNOUNCED

Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad MP has welcomed the announcement of \$25 million for a fourth round of the Mobile Black Spot Program to address coverage issues across Australia and the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions.

In previous rounds, the electorate of Mallee has been successful with a total of 27 new or upgraded base stations across the region and Mr Broad hopes this round will invite more coverage to our communities.

“It is great to see the Federal Government opening up Round 4 of the Mobile Blackspot Program, I have been advocating for this program to return because as we know there are still plenty of people around our patch that don’t have the mobile coverage that they need,”

“This is great news for farmers, for local small businesses and for anyone who relies on mobile coverage - be it to work or for security and safety,” Mr Broad said.

The new round of funding will be calling for applications from mobile carriers in the coming months, taking input from local governments and the community. The selection process is expected to take place in the second half of 2018.

For more information about the Mobile black Spot Program visit:
www.communications.gov.au/mbbsp.

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