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### Nominate a mobile phone black spot today

The Coalition Government has re-opened the Mobile Black Spot Program's Database of Reported Black Spot Locations for new nominations from state and local governments, and Federal Members of Parliament.

Residents in Tasmania are strongly encouraged to nominate mobile phone black spot locations in their area to help inform the rollout of the next round of the Coalition's \$220 million Mobile Black Spot Program.

Minister for Regional Services, Senator Bridget McKenzie, today invited Federal Members of Parliament and local councils to make submissions on behalf of their constituents to the national mobile black spot database.

Senator for Tasmania the Hon Richard Colbeck said the database is open for four weeks and called for all residents to contact their office today to nominate any mobile black spot areas.

"I strongly encourage residents in Tasmania to contact my office as soon as possible to nominate any mobile phone black spots in our community," Senator Colbeck said.

"This presents a real opportunity for Tasmanian residents to have their say on problem mobile black spots and encourage mobile operators to invest in our area through the Program."

"The nominations will support round 4 of the program which will look to provide new or improved mobile coverage in areas where there are clear economic and social benefits,"

"Round 4 will also look to target medical, educational and emergency services facilities, as well as along key transport routes and in towns that experience seasonal demand due to tourism."

The Coalition will invest \$25 million to deliver round 4 of the program and will soon call for applications from carriers to be selected through a competitive process. The Coalition is also calling for nominations from state and territory governments.

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

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