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### Round 4 of Mobile Black Spots Program Opens

Tasmanian Liberal Senator Richard Colbeck is today encouraging local residents, community organisations and businesses to get on board to support the opening of Round 4 of the Coalition Government's Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP).

"The Coalition Government is committed to making it easier for small business in rural and remote areas to serve their customers and keep in contact with suppliers," Senator Colbeck said.

"Our Government is also focused on helping to keep Australians together, and one of the best ways to mitigate the tyranny of distance is for families to have access to reliable mobile phone coverage."

"It also helps tourists instantly spread the message on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat about the incredible scenery and experiences we have to offer here in Tassie."

"In West and North West Tasmania the Coalition Government has already delivered funding to fix twelve black spots including at Sisters Beach, Temma, Melrose, Elliott, Gawler and South Riana."

The MBSP encourages the mobile industry and state and local governments to work together to address mobile black spots across regional and remote Australia.

"With summer not far away, more reliable mobile coverage is also critical if we are to respond to the threat of bushfires and other natural disasters," Senator Colbeck said.

Round 4 of the program is backed up by a \$25 million investment and there are already 867 base stations being delivered across regional Australia.

For more information visit: [www.communications.gov.au/mbsp](http://www.communications.gov.au/mbsp)

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