

## COMMUNICATION BLACKSPOTS TO BE FIXED IN THE FAR NORTH REGION

Today the Commonwealth Government announced 17 communication blackspots in South Australia under Round 5 of the Mobile Blackspot Programme, with five of those being located in the Far North region.

Mark Sutton, Chair Regional Development Australia (RDA) Far North said that reliable and consistent mobile communications is one of our high priorities in relation to infrastructure needs across the region.

“The announcement today is another great win for our region and enables us to continue ensuring that businesses, residents and visitors have consistent mobile phone coverage as they traverse our vast region.”

“Having mobile phone access is key to ensuring the safety of the public, and the covering of these additional blackspots will assist in achieving this, especially in emergency situations.”

“Businesses can stay connected and visitors travelling through the areas can have access to vital and informative tourism information which can assist them on their journey through the regions.”

“RDA Far North has been working with local and state government partners and providers for some time and this is a great win for the region.”

The base stations that have received funding under Round 5, which will be operational by December 2020 are as follows:

- Copley
- Leigh Creek
- Lyndhurst
- Mintabie
- Farina

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