



The Goodlands Agricultural Community

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12th February 2018

Dear President Shire of Dalwallinu; Steven Carter,

Proposed Mobile Tower – Goodland’s

On Wednesday 20th December 2017, members of the Goodland’s Agricultural Community met with Telstra Area General Manager Boyd Brown to discuss the current Mobile Black Spot that covers a large portion of the north-eastern section of the Shire of Dalwallinu.

Boyd indicated that Telstra is open to co-fund the construction of a mobile tower at the current Goodland’s Exchange in a co-contribution format. We would like the Shire of Dalwallinu to consider supporting this initiative with a monetary contribution. Any remaining funds will be sourced and supported by the growers and business owners located in the Goodland’s area.

Currently the landlines in this area are substandard with constant faults and outages spanning across the whole Goodland’s area. This effectively renders households and businesses without telecommunication for lengthy periods of time. This is of great concern in the case of emergency. One family and farm business was without a phone for over a month at the beginning of 2017. There have also been a number of serious fires over the last few years, which were extremely difficult to manage and control due to Control Officers’ inability to communicate with volunteers. During Harvest in 2016 there was a serious two-vehicle accident in which the injured parties were fortunately able to contact help via a 40 channel UHF radio with a harvester close in the area. Had this not been the case, the serious injuries sustained by both parties could have been devastating.

The impact of limited/non-existent access to mobile phone and data service on businesses that operate in the Goodland’s area is compounding at a rapid rate as technological advances in agriculture continue. In these marginal rainfall areas, profit margins are extremely tight and the ability to maximise efficiencies is crucial to the long-term survival of the agricultural industry in the Goodland’s and surrounding areas.

Having mobile service will ensure the safety of our families and employees while also ensuring we are given equal opportunity to run and manage our business.

We look forward with anticipation to working with the Shire of Dalwallinu in finding a solution to what is a serious constraint to our families and agricultural businesses.

Yours sincerely

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