

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of residents and visitors in and near the Victorian rural towns of **Tatong, Molyullah, Lurg and Samaria** draws to the attention of the House to the serious deficiencies in telecommunications infrastructure in the region. Residents in these communities have little or no access to mobile phone coverage. This is evidence of a marked inequity in communication services available between rural and urban citizens. Telecommunication companies refuse to make any new infrastructure investments due to the low population density in the region and lack of commercial return.

We therefore ask the House to acknowledge the serious problems associated with the absence of mobile phone coverage in the area and to make available funds which would assist in the establishment of a new mobile phone tower.