

This petition of the undersigned citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House that mobile phone coverage along a stretch of the River Murray at Walker Flat, South Australia between the towns of Punyeroo and Bow Hill is incredibly poor with residents, businesses and holiday makers alike unable to make or receive any mobile phone calls while in this vicinity. Houses, business and house boats have no communication along this stretch of river except for landlines. Those who do not have landlines in this area have to walk to the tops of the hills in the area to try and get mobile phone reception. In Australia the use of mobile phone technology has grown significantly during the past five years and more Australians are becoming increasingly more reliant on using mobile phones. Therefore, good mobile phone coverage is essential in Walker Flat, especially if an emergency phone call needs to be made.

We therefore ask the House to support and encourage the Federal Government to ensure that the problem of poor mobile phone coverage at Walker Flat is rectified.