

To the Honourable Member for Robertson,
for presentation to the Australian Federal Parliament

PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT;

The petition of the residents and visitors, their families, friends and acquaintances, in the areas of Mangrove Mountain, Greengrove, Lower Mangrove Creek, Popran Creek, Marlow, Wendoree Park, Spencer, Gunderman, Wisemans Ferry and the surrounding regions of the Lower Hawkesbury River / Mangrove Creek catchment areas within the Robertson electorate in N.S.W.

draws to the attention of the House that the quality of mobile telephone coverage in the areas abovementioned is currently grossly inadequate through the *Next G* network and will be further reduced or eliminated when the proposed January, 2008 shutdown of the *CDMA* mobile telephone network by Telstra takes effect, and that Telstra has advised that there are no current plans by Telstra to upgrade their *Next G* or any alternate mobile telephone coverage of the abovementioned areas.

Also, there is at present only one public telephone between Mangrove Mountain and Wisemans Ferry, a distance of approximately 50 kilometres, making dependence on a reliable mobile telephone network of even more importance. The vehicular transport links are popular, along winding, single lane roads which endure constant accidents and breakdowns, and the maritime traffic is constant, both especially so on weekends.

Your petitioners therefore request the House that it, through or by the appropriate (Telecommunications, Equal Rights and Opportunity, Health and Safety or related or relevant) Acts, to seek redress by Telstra to ensure an urgent upgrade to the mobile telephone service availability and reception in the Mangrove Creek / Lower Hawkesbury River catchment areas.

and we, the undersigned, as the residents and visitors, their families, friends and acquaintances, of Mangrove Mountain, Greengrove, Lower Mangrove, Popran Creek, Marlow, Wendoree Park, Spencer, Gunderman, Wisemans Ferry and the surrounding regions of the Lower Hawkesbury River / Mangrove Creek catchment areas request that Telstra urgently upgrades the mobile telephone service availability and reception in the Mangrove Creek / Lower Hawkesbury River catchment areas for the necessary considerations of health and safety as well as equality and fairness in our accessibility to communication services.