

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

This petition of the citizens located in the state of Victoria, draws to the attention of the house the lack of telecommunications services in the region of the Hepburn shire and surrounding districts as described on the petition pages enclosed.

We therefore ask the House to investigate and support the push for better telecommunications services throughout this area. We invite any member of parliament to come and investigate the inadequate services currently available.

In 2008 the surrounding communities were subjected to 4 days of bushfires which engulfed thousands of hectares of bush land and farmlands, throughout this time power was cut for long periods of time, Mobile phone coverage was not available and most people who had hands free phones were unable to use them due to power outages.

In a time where we live in a technological world it seems bizarre that a community that is located in such a high fire danger area has these problems, I believe the last thing any government state or federal would want is another Marysville disaster. Please help us with this issue before the next fire season is upon us.