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MEDIA RELEASE

TONY PASIN MP

MEMBER FOR BARKER

NOMINATE A MOBILE PHONE BLACK SPOT TODAY

The Coalition Government has re-opened the Mobile Black Spot Program's Database of reported Black Spot Locations for new nominations from state and local governments, and Federal Members of Parliament.

Residents in Barker are strongly encouraged to nominate mobile phone black spot locations in their area to help inform the rollout of the next round of the Coalition's \$220 million Mobile Black Spot Program.

Minister for Regional Services, Senator Bridget McKenzie, has invited Federal Members of Parliament and local councils to make submissions on behalf of their constituents to the national mobile black spot database.

Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin said the database is open for four weeks and called for all residents to contact either of his offices to nominate any mobile black spot areas.

"I strongly encourage residents in Barker to contact my office as soon as possible to nominate any mobile phone black spots in our community," Mr Pasin said.

"This presents a real opportunity for Barker residents to have their say on problem mobile black spots and encourage mobile operators to invest in our area through the Program."

"The nominations will support round 4 of the program which will look to provide new or improved mobile coverage in areas where there are clear economic and social benefits,"

"Round 4 will also look to target medical, educational and emergency services facilities, as well as along key transport routes and in towns that experience seasonal demand due to tourism."

The Coalition will invest \$25 million to deliver round 4 of the program and will soon call for applications from carriers to be selected through a competitive process. The Coalition is also calling for nominations from state and territory governments.

"Improving mobile coverage for residents of Barker is a big priority for me."

"I understand that reliable and effective mobile communications is a key driver of the enormous contribution that our regions make to Australia's economic growth.

For more information on the program visit: www.communications.gov.au/mbsp

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