

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

This petition of 'Citizens of Araluen Valley, NSW. 2622

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Draws to the attention of the House:

Mobile phone access is a facility necessary to the safety, business, social and recreational needs of the community. Araluen is a well established centre for orchard fruit, beef production and associated primary industry. Araluen attracts numerous recreational visitors and is itself a growing community, yet we still have no mobile phone access.

Given our geographical location and proximity to population centres we cannot be described as 'remote' however, we are not able to receive bushfire alerts or severe weather warning text. In short, we are deprived the numerous benefits and conveniences of a technology most citizens reasonably take for granted.

We therefore ask the house to:

Address this shortcoming in keeping with the prior assurances and commitments made in this house with regards to installing mobile infrastructure to allow mobile coverage in the Araluen Valley and surrounding areas.