

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Williams asked:**

What radar facilities are available in the central and far west of NSW, and are there plans to increase the number of radar sites to give better coverage in the rural and remote areas?

**Answer:**

Limited radar coverage over the central and far west of NSW is provided by the Mildura, Wagga Wagga, Namoi and Moree weather radars. Coverage toward the eastern fringe of central west NSW is also provided by Canberra, Wollongong, Sydney and Newcastle radars. There is no funding or plans to increase coverage in centre and far west of NSW. Existing appropriation is to maintain the current network.

The Bureau does not have provision within its appropriations for an expansion of its radar network. The Bureau welcomes financial support from state governments and other entities for the installation of meteorological observing equipment. For example the Western Australian Government has recently funded three new radars in south-west Western Australia.