

Mobile Reception in Regional Tasmania

Mr SHELTON question to MINISTER for INNOVATION, SCIENCE and the DIGITAL ECONOMY

Mobile reception in many regional areas of Tasmania remains a significant concern. While I understand the Tasmanian Government continues to work with the Australian Government under the Mobile Black Spot Program to improve coverage, it is clear that further action is urgently needed.

For example, over the Easter period, reception around Little Swanport on the east coast ranged from poor to non-existent. This is a serious issue in a region that relies heavily on tourism and has growing residential needs. Even the State Growth website, which informs Tasmanians about new and expanded telecommunication services, was ironically inaccessible during that time.

On behalf of my constituent, can you please update us on the current status of the Mobile Black Spot Program in Tasmania and what further steps are being taken to improve mobile coverage across the state?