



TRIPLE ZERO EMERGENCY CALLS AUSTRALIA WIDE

INFORMATION PACKAGE

Thank you for deciding to participate in this petition campaigning for the Federal government to increase funding to improve mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all currently identified mobile phone black spots will be rectified.

The information package contains:

- Flyer which can be printed and handed out to people if desired (1)
- Complete wording of the petition (2)
- Form for signature collection (3) – print as many as necessary

You are welcome to place this petition in a prominent place in your local area or individually ask people to sign the petition. If leaving the petition somewhere to be signed I recommend printing the complete wording of the petition so people can read more about what they are signing.

Please note when requesting people to sign the petition providing details of their address is voluntary and can be left blank if they choose.

Signatures should be collected and returned to me by 31st March 2016.

This should enable adequate time to collate the signatures and send to the Standing Committee on Petitions prior to the Federal government handing down their budget in May 2016.

Please return your completed signature forms to:

Katharine Marsh
RMB 533
KOJONUP WA 6395

For further information or queries please email kathmarsh1983@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support and assistance. Remember it doesn't matter if you collect one signature or one thousand signatures – collectively we can make a difference.

Kind regards

Katharine Marsh



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This petition aims to lobby the Federal government to increase funding to improve mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all currently identified black spots will be rectified.

It also aims to raise awareness that if your life is in danger you may not be able to place a '000' emergency call in Australia, irrespective of where you are located, due to mobile phone black spots.

I am campaigning for this issue after my partner, Mick, tragically passed away following a motorbike accident which occurred in a mobile phone black spot, delaying emergency assistance for 20 – 30 minutes.

My experience is not an isolated incident - others have been affected in a similar way. Recent bushfires in late 2015 - early 2016 have also highlighted the problems of mobile phone black spots preventing access to emergency services.

There are over 6000 identified mobile phone black spots throughout Australia, including near capital cities, along major highways and transport routes and in whole towns and villages.

Where there is a mobile phone black spot there is no mobile phone network coverage and you can not make a '000' call.

Ultimately if you are faced with a life-threatening emergency and are in a mobile phone black spot area you will not be able to obtain emergency assistance. Delays in seeking emergency assistance could be the difference between life and death.

In 2016, citizens of Australia should be secure in the knowledge that they will be able to access emergency services no matter where they are located. The technology exists to eradicate mobile phone black spots – it is simply a matter of further funding.

A phone call that could save a life is of far greater importance than high speed internet connection. Yet \$160 million over 3 years allocated to upgrading mobile phone black spots appears a drop in the ocean compared to \$27 billion spent on rolling out the NBN.

What use is high speed internet connection to Australians when our country does not even have the basic technology in place to ensure that every Australian has access to '000' emergency calls when their life is in danger?

Thank you for taking time to sign this petition.

Kind regards

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Further information:

Triple zero emergency calls Australia wide
<http://triple0foraustralia.wix.com/triple0foraustralia>

Mobile Black Spot Programme:
<https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-programme>

Triple zero (000):
<http://www.triplezero.gov.au/Pages/Usingotheremergencynumbers.aspx>



<https://www.facebook.com/triple0foraustralia/>

PETITION FOR IMPROVED FUNDING FOR MOBILE PHONE BLACK SPOTS

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

This petition of mobile phone owning citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House the issue of mobile phone black spots and their implications on access to emergency services.

There are over 6000 nominated mobile phone black spots throughout Australia, including near capital cities, along major highways and transport routes and in whole towns and villages. Where there is a black spot there is no mobile network coverage and one cannot dial '000' to access emergency services. Alternative numbers such as '112' cannot access emergency services in a black spot area and mobile phones do not utilise satellite network coverage.

Ultimately if you are faced with a life-threatening emergency and are in a mobile phone black spot area you will not be able to obtain emergency assistance. Delays in seeking emergency assistance could be the difference between life and death.

The technology exists to eradicate mobile phone black spots – it is simply a matter of further funding. In 2016, we feel that citizens of Australia should be secure in the knowledge that they will be able to access emergency services no matter where they are located. We feel that a phone call that could save a life is of far greater importance than high speed internet connection.

We therefore ask the House to consider further funding for the improvement of mobile phone black spots and commit to a deadline by which all identified mobile phone black spots will receive mobile coverage.

Thanks for being involved with this petition. Please return completed forms by 31st March 2015 to:

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