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CDMA calls to nowhere

The NSW Farmers' Association is reminding farmers that the CDMA mobile phone network will be switched off next Monday, meaning time is almost out for those who still need to change over.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says while the Association has several remaining concerns with the Next G Network, people do need to make the change urgently.

"From Monday there will be no CDMA, and while we are confident the majority of our Members have switched networks, we are concerned some people still seem unclear about the shut down," Mr Laurie said.

"We have detailed our remaining concerns with the Federal Government and Telstra, and we will be constantly monitoring people's telephone services, but as of Monday, the old CDMA network is gone," he said.

"If farmers have an unresolved issue, we urge them to contact Telstra immediately through its dedicated 1800 888 888 freecall hotline, which is open until July 1 2008.

"If the issue remains unresolved, the Federal Communications Department should be contacted on 1800 883 488.

"The Association's primary objective now is avoiding any potential situation whereby someone becomes injured in an isolated area on Monday with only a deactivated CDMA mobile phone to call for help," Mr Laurie concluded.

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