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Statement on the ACCC's draft decision on mobile roaming

NSW Farmers notes the draft decision of the ACCC in relation to mobile roaming.

In our submission we asked the ACCC to carefully and forensically assess the business case for roaming, noting that 'coverage is king'.

NSW Farmers' President, Derek Schoen, said, "We are pleased that the ACCC has recognised the importance of regional and rural customers in making its decision.

"Even with the current Mobile Black Spot Program, there are still large sections of regional NSW that are without mobile coverage.

"We have been concerned that the coverage map is not filling in fast enough.

"If the ACCC confirms this decision, we will be continuing to pressure the telecommunications companies to provide extended coverage to our members in rural and remote NSW, but also better, more competitive service.

"The onus is now on those who pushed for this result to demonstrate increased investment in coverage and service provision in the bush," Mr Schoen said.

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