

Dear Sir/Madam,

The communities in the vicinity of Yarramalong, Ravensdale, Cedar Brush Creek and Kulnura have been lobbying for many years to have mobile phone coverage.

We believe this service needs to be available in the event of extreme weather emergencies. The Wyong Shire Council is in the process of drafting its Bush Fire Management Plan and the community is calling for mobile coverage to be part of the plan to provide the facility for communications and hazard warning in the event of catastrophic conditions. The new National Emergency Warning System would be the obvious system to be used to warn of impending danger, but as the majority of this area is serviced only by the landline telephone network we are concerned that the aerial lines, which are prone to damage by fire and falling branches will fail and resident's lives will be put in danger.

It should be noted that this whole region has been deemed to be an extreme fire risk area under the Draft Wyong Bush Fire Management Plan 2010, and we urge the NSW Legislative Assembly Inquiry to investigate this most critical issue and take action to ensure that a mobile phone network is established to protect this vulnerable community.

Please contact us if you require further information or clarification.

Yours faithfully

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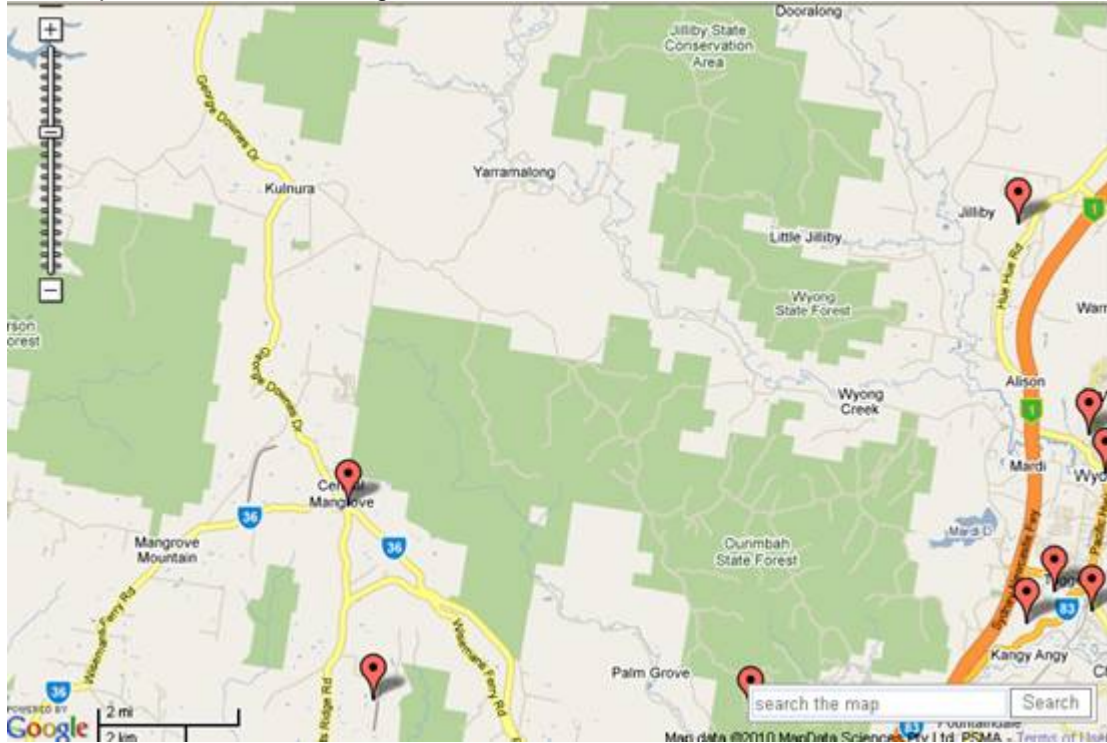
The accompanying maps clarify the area under discussion
Google View of this area, travelling west on Yarramalong road - mobile reception drops out past Wyong Creek



Kulnura Yarralong CMTS Mobiles Coverage

Map of nearest Base stations, via the link below :<http://cellsite.nudge.id.au/>

As is shown: the nearest Telstra CMTS base stations are at Mangrove Mountain to the south , Wollombi to the north and Jilliby to the east. None of these gives any coverage in the Yarralong, Cedar Brush Creek areas. It is also limited in the Kulnura area, which is at the top of Bumble Hill on the same plateau as Central Mangrove.



Central Mangrove to the South

Wollombi to the North

