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Proposal Title: **TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN REGIONAL NSW**

Cluster: Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services

General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)		8,340	8,549	8,741	25,630
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
Net Operating Result:	-	(8,340)	(8,549)	(8,741)	(25,630)

Capital Expenditure					-
Capital Offsets					-
Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-

Net Lending/(Borrowing)	-	(8,340)	(8,549)	(8,741)	(25,630)
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Net Financial Liabilities:	-	8,340	16,889	25,630	
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Financial Liabilities:	-	8,340	16,889	25,630	
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Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes \$25.63 million of capped funding over 3 years to participate in the Commonwealth Government's \$100 million Mobile Black Spot Programme (the Programme) that encourages telecommunication providers to invest in regional areas where there are mobile communication black spots.

The costing assumes funding will be provided to telecommunications providers (the Programme's principal participants) and will be classified as recurrent grants. The Programme is a four year program commencing in 2014-15 and finishing in 2017-18. The costing assumes the timing of NSW Government expenditure will align with the last three years of the Commonwealth's planned expenditure.

The NSW Government's contribution to the Programme may take the form of 'in-kind' contributions like rental subsidies or access rights to existing NSW radio infrastructure, which would likely reduce the budget impact of this policy.