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Dear Madam / Sir

I was unable to attend the meeting the Review Committee held in Bourke on Tuesday, 20th September 2011. I would like to bring to your attention a few points regarding telecommunications in the village of Wanaaring and district.

Wanaaring is located 192 west of Bourke and has an aboriginal population of about 30%. The area is serviced by the Digital Radio Concentrator System that was switched on in December 1991 when the Manual Exchange was replaced. Satellite internet connection and Satellite mobile telephone are also available.

As you may be aware the neighbouring villages of Louth, White Cliffs and Tibooburra have mobile coverage.

It would be great to have the Wanaaring area updated to the mobile service so that the community could access the mobile service and its associated services.

The house hold would be able to tap into financial deals and special offers with telecommunication carriers. There is no such item as a local call in the current service.

The School has the up to date video conferencing equipment that can not be used because the Satellite connection is not fast enough. Therefore, the students and staff are disadvantaged by not being able to link classrooms for specialised lessons.

The existing Medical service in Wanaaring could access tele-health instead of people travelling for many hours.

If there is to be no upgrade, what about equitable pricing of Satellite mobile service similar to the price structure of normal mobile telephone.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosanne Standfield".

Rosanne Standfield
5th October 2011