TELSTRA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TERRITORY

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Telecommunications services will be expanded to more remote communities following an arrangement being reached between the Northern Territory Government and Telstra.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said mobile phone sites will be installed in eight locations, with fixed broadband services also made available in six communities.

“I commend Telstra on this significant investment in the Northern Territory,” Mr Giles said.

“The bush was neglected under the former Labor Government, and the Country Liberals Government, in partnership with Telstra, is committed to bringing remote communities into the 21st century.

“Providing mobile phone coverage in communities will enable residents to access all the smart phone services many of us take for granted.

“This initiative represents a major telecommunications expansion program that will bring vital services to the bush and improve the lives of over 8000 people living and working in these communities.

“This government is committed to connecting communities and providing opportunities to some of the Territory’s most disadvantaged residents.”

Chief Executive Officer of Telstra, David Thodey, said he was looking forward to working with the Territory Government on this project.

"Network technologies have an extraordinary power to drive innovation, possibility and business opportunities, particularly in remote areas and communities," Mr Thodey said.

"This program will bring significant communications technology to remote parts of Australia."

The installation of mobile phone towers and equipment will provide a 3G mobile service, while fixed broadband will enable people to get broadband services at their homes and business through their land lines.

Telstra and NTG are contributing funding of over $2.8 million each to deliver the services.

Infrastructure works at Ampilatwatja and Arparra will begin almost immediately with work on the other sites being scheduled for this dry season.

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The communities to receive phone services are:

- Ampilatwatja
- Arlparrpa
- Palumpa
- Papunya
- Peppimenarti
- Mutitjulu (also gets fixed broadband)
- Barrow Creek
- Newcastle Waters.

The communities to receive fixed broadband are:

- Wadeye
- Elliott
- Hermannsburg
- Ngukurr
- Numbulwar
- Mutitjulu (also mobile services).

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