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Title	Description and analysis	Fiscal implications	Treasury recommendation
<p><b><u>Extension of Broadband Initiatives and Establishment of Mobile Black Spot Fund</u></b></p>	<p>This paper outlines the expected benefits of the Government’s announced UFB and RBI extensions and the need for a Mobile Black Spots Fund. It is intended to act as the ‘strategic’ component of a business case. It seeks agreement to release Registrations of Interest for potential providers and stakeholders of both RBI and UFB. It seeks Cabinet agreement to retain the Telecommunications Development Levy at \$50m for another three years in order to fund the announced Rural Broadband Initiative extension, and establish a Mobile Black Spot Fund. Note that the telecommunications industry is not supportive of an extension to the levy and has not been consulted.</p>	<p>[8]</p> <p>The impact to be decided on then will be a charge against the FIF of \$152-\$210m and \$150m charged against the Telecommunications Development Levy. The Levy will also need to be kept at a higher amount (\$50m p.a. rather than \$10m p.a.) for the next three years in order to cover the cost of the Rural Broadband/Mobile Black Spot programmes.</p>	<p><b>Support early discussions of policy in order to inform detailed decisions, subject to business cases with compelling analysis of benefits and costs of the initiatives and a clear purpose to the extension. We are also recommend that land access and other issues concerning the current roll out should be addressed as much as possible before the extensions are implemented to ensure best return on investment – MBIE is working on this currently. [8]</b></p>

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