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MT TINGHA CDMA MOBILE TOWER OFFICIALLY IN SERVICE

Member for New England, Tony Windsor has today launched Tingha's CDMA Mobile Tower today at Mt Tingha in the presence of Member for Northern Tablelands, Richard Torbay and Telstra Countrywide Area General Manager, Ian Peters and Mayor of Guyra, Cr Robyn Jackson.

Mr Windsor said he was delighted to officially launch the tower and particularly congratulated Ian Peters on his continued efforts to erect Telstra CDMA towers throughout the region.

The tower at Mt Tingha is the 80th CDMA mobile tower in New England/North West and today's launch would not have been commissioned without the team efforts from a number of people including:

- Country Energy's Paul Brial, Vince Kelly and Scott Fenton who designed the power infrastructure on the site which included 1.4km of underground power.
- Telstra's Dave Ahern, Dave McAndrew, Nick Angelini, Phil Sparkes and Tracey Selke who overcome many obstacles to ensure the project was successful.
- The Tingha Community, Guyra Council and former Guyra Councillor, Howard Sanderson for their efforts in overcoming many obstacles that they faced when attempting to have the tower placed on top of Mt Tingha.

Mr Windsor said "the results of the teamwork involved in the Mt Tingha Tower Project are to be commended as it shows that modern communications technology can be erected whilst preserving the environment around us."

Mr Windsor added that further CDMA towers are on Telstra's agenda for the Delungra and Copeton Dam areas and he looks forward to Telstra's confirmation of the commission dates for these towers later in the year.

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