

5G Connection with COVID-19

AMTA CEO, Chris Althaus - statement:

“Some recent media reports have highlighted conspiracy theories relating to 5G technologies and the suggestion there is a link to COVID-19.

“These false claims are the worst kind of fake-news misinformation and are both irresponsible and completely unacceptable during a genuine health crisis.

“It is important that the community is provided with clear, factual science based information.

“We understand that the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 have brought great concern and uncertainty to the Australian community and we take extremely seriously our responsibility for providing clarity on issues concerning the Australian mobile telecommunications industry, as the health and wellbeing of all Australians continues to be of highest importance at this time.

“The Australian mobile phone networks, consisting of 3G, 4G and 5G, are critical during these challenging times – especially when we are asking people to stay at home. All generations of mobile technology including 5G, have a major role to play in enabling Australians to stay as connected as possible as well as enabling industries to be more productive and efficient in order to respond to this health emergency.

“Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) has responded to this reporting and misinformation, saying *‘There is no established evidence that low level radio wave exposure from 5G and other wireless telecommunications can affect the immune system or cause any other long term or short-term health effects.’*

“Australia’s Chief Medical Officer, Professor Brendan Murphy says *‘I’d like to reassure the community that 5G technology is safe. There is no evidence telecommunication technologies, such as 5G, cause adverse health impacts.’*

“We are well positioned to be confident in the health and safety of 5G mobile networks, and we must all consider and follow the advice of the government and health experts to build community confidence.

“Other sources around the world have labelled the idea of a link to COVID as complete rubbish and biologically impossible.”

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