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## **3G SHUTDOWN INQUIRY DEBATED BY SENATE**

The Senate will debate and vote on establishing an inquiry into the shutdown of the 3G mobile network on Tuesday.

Senator Roberts said the 3G network is an essential service for millions of Australians after submitting a motion to establish the inquiry:

‘3 million 3G-reliant devices are estimated to be affected by the looming shutdown, including 200,000 medical alarms.

‘Farmers across the country rely on 3G where there is no 4G coverage as well as equipment that doesn’t operate on 4G.

‘740,000 4G customers will be unable to dial Triple Zero in an emergency.

‘The planned shutdown of the 3G network must be stopped until there are guarantees that no Australian will be worse off.

‘There are millions of Australians who rely on 3G services where there is nothing else available.

‘The Government must support this inquiry into the 3G shutdown so that we can stop it becoming a disaster.’