

3G NETWORK DECOMMISSIONING & THE IMPACTS ON GPS & FLEET TRACKING



GPS
Vehicle tracking
Telematics

**TRANSITIONING
FROM 3G TO
ADVANCED 5G
NETWORKS**



3G VEHICLE GPS/TRACKING

Start planning your migration from 3G vehicle GPS and fleet management tracking to 4G now so you don't get caught out.

The 3G network decommissioning will start in December 2023 with Vodafone, followed by Telstra in June 2024, and Optus in September 2024.

Vehicles with 3G GPS and fleet management tracking devices will need to migrate to 4G devices to prevent loss of signal and data transfer to ensure ongoing compliance, safety, and visibility of organisational assets.

With many vehicles using GPS and fleet tracking still to be migrated to 4G, it's important to proactively plan your rollover. Take advantage of our partners under Local Buy Arrangement LB281 who can assist you in a smooth transition.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE?

Explore New Suppliers and Telematics Solutions

The 3G shutdown presents an opportunity for organisations to assess the market and consider new suppliers. Different telematics providers offer varying features, pricing models, and levels of support. Look for fleet management and GPS providers that:

- Have experience transitioning fleets from 3G networks.
- Offer a future-proof solution with 4G or 5G compatibility.
- Provide comprehensive training and support for your team.
- Can integrate with your existing fleet management systems or software.
- Can help councils understand their transition to EV (help reduce overall carbon footprint).

Key dates for 3G shut down

Vodafone
**December 15
2023**

Telstra
June 30 2024

Optus
September 2024

PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION

Where to Start

Proper planning is essential. Start by assessing your current telematics system and identify the devices that rely on the 3G network. Speak to your telematics provider to understand the upgrade options available and any hardware or software changes required. It's also a good opportunity to review your fleet management needs and consider any additional features or improvements that may be beneficial.

Anticipate High Demand and Longer Waiting Time

Industry experts predict there are many fleet management units still operating on 3G. With a small number of installers available in Queensland, Local Buy encourages Fleet Managers to review their current systems as a matter of urgency. **Local Government elections are taking place early in 2024 and councils will move into caretaker mode in January. This means that no significant procurement activities (over \$200,000) can take place until after the election.**

HOW LOCAL BUY CAN HELP

The Local Buy Fleet Management Services Panel LB281 consists of 40 pre-qualified suppliers ready to provide a RFQ. Using a Local Buy Arrangement to procure, negates the need to perform a full and open tender even if the activity is over \$200,000.



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