

Opening Statement

Senate Select Committee on NBN

9am, Tuesday 15 March 2016

Thank you, Senator.

My name is Stuart Nevison, and I am the Chief Executive for Construction, Operations, Maintenance and Well-servicing for Broadspectrum. I lead the service line responsible for the delivery of our NBN contracts.

With me today are my colleagues Tim Sheridan, our Executive General Manager for Construction, and Alex Watts, Project Director, NBN. Tim is responsible for the delivery of all Broadspectrum's construction contracts, and Alex is responsible for the delivery of our contracts for NBN.

Broadspectrum welcomes the opportunity to assist the Committee by answering questions in relation to the NBN Karingal and Ballarat builds in Victoria.

I'd like to outline Broadspectrum's role in the NBN Project, and specifically our role in the Karingal and Ballarat builds. As a contractor to NBN Co., we were responsible for project development services, the construction and installation of the infrastructure - digging trenches, hauling cable, splicing fibre, installing and commissioning cabinets and connecting to properties.

As for Karingal and Ballarat, we constructed a number of Fibre Serving Area Modules (FSAMs).

We are *not* responsible for determining the architecture of the network, deciding on the technology to be implemented, or selecting the equipment to be used. The scope and technical requirements are determined by NBN.

We are proud of the work that we have carried out for NBN Co., we believe we have a strong track record of delivering the contracts we have been awarded by NBN, and we are hopeful that our performance will lead to further work.

We currently employ over 180 direct employees on our NBN contracts, in addition to a fluctuating number of contract staff and sub-contractors.

The Karingal and Ballarat builds were completed in 2015.

Our representatives here today have executive responsibility for the services we provide under our contract with NBN, and the knowledge of the work we have completed for NBN co to date in NSW and Victoria.

My colleagues and I look forward to assisting the Committee with its work.

Thank you.