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RE: National Broadband Network (NBN)

Dear Ms Wicks,

I have been a long term resident on the NSW Central Coast and would like to express my concern over the recent publication of the NBN Co's strategic review that was delivered to Parliament by Mr Turnbull on the 12th December 2013.

In particular, I raise the following points:

1. Mr Turnbull recently dismissed the 270,000 petition urging reconsideration, instead indicating the Australian people voted for their policy. Now the strategic review and by Mr Turnbull's own admission the 2106 promise is already broken in regards to 25Mbps.
2. The HFC network never was meant to be used or mentioned until now, FTTN was always the alternative. Another broken promise.
3. The strategic review identifies that the current Mixed Technology approach will cost an extra \$11 billion dollars. Another election promise broken.
4. The new chairman Dr Switkowski has already conceded that the network would need to be upgraded 5 years after competition. Looking at the strategy review the average cost PA over both the mixed technology and the FTTP timeline is \$800M (ZDNET). For a little bit extra, wouldn't it be better to build it right the first time?
5. Broadband services that are delivered with a 'up to' measurement (i.e. up to 12 Mbps) are crippling to business. No guarantees can be made by ISP or the NBN Co, resulting in the inability to support premium services. This is the same issue with DSL services.
6. Australian people deserve better than monopolies like Telstra and Foxtel. We need access to media rich services such as Netflix and Hulu that are only possible on vastly superior network infrastructure. By supporting a wholesale method of FTTP, increased competition would be realised.

The recent election was the first in which I have not voted Liberal, the deciding factor for me was the difference in the NBN policy.

I urge you to reconsider your policy on the NBN and instead support building a Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) network capable of supporting Australia for the next 100 years.

I also request that you raise this topic in your party room and specifically bring it to the attention of both the Communication Minister Mr Turnbull and the Prime Minister Mr Abbott.

I would appreciate if you could respond to my letter.

Regards,

Chris Gibbs