

Supplementary Submission to the

Senate Select Committee on NBN

**Inquiry into the National Broadband Network Companies Bill
2010 and the
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National
Broadband Network Measures
– Access Arrangements) Bill 2010**

**Supplementary
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SENATE SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION

Amendment to Part 2 – Asset Acquisition

Further to the discussion on the provisions in Part 2 relating to NBN Co being allowed to own assets with retail customers for 12 months. There was some concern at CEG's proposal to appoint a Liquidator and it has been suggested that it be amended as following:-

“The NBN Co be required to appoint an Administrator with expertise in restructuring and selling company assets” instead of using a Liquidator.

Reducing the Cost of Building the NBN Co

There is Legislation (both Federal and State) that has not been developed or debated, that will:-

- Facilitate the roll-out of the NBN
- Significantly reduce the cost of construction or installation of the NBN

The details of the proposed Legislation are described in CEG Senate Submission of 31st October 2008 , and the purpose of discussing this topic in 2011 was to highlight the fact that by not having this Legislation in place, the cost of constructing the NBN will be significantly higher.

This management method has been implemented in Western Australia and has been proven to significantly reduce the cost of providing fibre to the premise in Brownfields estates.