



The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS

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**BY EMAIL**

Dear Dr Switkowski

I refer to your letter of 16 December 2013 informing me of the Senate Select Committee on the National Broadband Network's request that an unredacted copy of NBN Co's Strategic Review be provided to the Committee at their public hearing on 17 December 2013 in Sydney.

Plainly the NBN Co should not release the unredacted document. It was prepared for the Government, has been released with limited redactions and the full unredacted document remains cabinet-in-confidence.

Further, any release would prejudice legal proceedings and damage the commercial interests of the Government, including during ongoing contractual negotiations.

Officials from NBN Co should not discuss material subject to redaction during their testimony, in open session or in camera, before the Committee.

For the reasons outlined above the document should not be released for reasons of public interest immunity.

I have provided a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Senate Select Committee on the National Broadband Network.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Turnbull