



## Committee Presents its Second NBN Rollout Report

The Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network today presented its Second Report on the Six Monthly Review of the Rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The Review Report includes for the first time an examination of the Government's performance report on the progress of the NBN and NBN Co's performance.

In addition, the committee broadly considered various issues arising from the rollout of the NBN including: the Definitive Binding Agreement between NBN Co and Telstra, the NBN Co's Special Access Undertaking and Wholesale Broadband Agreement and access pricing for retail service providers.

The impact of the NBN on improved services for regional and remote areas was again highlighted. Services and affordability for low income households and disadvantaged groups was also focused on.

The committee made five recommendations which include that:

- The Government's Performance Report be formatted to ensure information is readily accessible through tables and graphs to assist in the comparison of data across years.
- The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE) review its existing clearance processes for providing answers to questions on notice with the aim of adhering to the notified due date or within a reasonable timeframe thereafter.
- As a matter of urgency, the NBN Co formalise and publicise its policy for the provision of costing extensions to the NBN fibre footprint, especially for regional and remote Australia.
- The NBN Co finalise and publicise its plans for community consultation with regional and remote Australia and report details of the progress, issues raised and numbers of participants to the committee.
- The DBCDE undertake a study of methods to improve access for low income households and other disadvantaged groups to the NBN, which includes examination of community proposals for measures which would support a basic broadband account and a broadband low income measure scheme.

Copies of the report are available at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcnbn/report2.htm>

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