



First NBN Report Drives Action From Government

Chairman of the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network (NBN) Robert Oakeshott MP has welcomed the Federal Government's public response to the committee's First Report, including actions taken by the Government in response to the recommendations.

"While the NBN Committee is now undertaking its third review of the six monthly rollout of the NBN, the Government's Response to the First Report has provided additional information which will inform the committee's ongoing review process," Robert Oakeshott MP said.

"Several recommendations were made in an effort to seek the Government and NBN Co to better engage the wider Australian community on a number of fundamentals underpinning the public policy of the NBN," Mr Oakeshott said. "As the NBN Co moves from rolling out the NBN in test sites to greater community rollout in 2012, this public engagement is more important than ever."

The Government's Response to the committee's First Report is available at: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jcnbn/reports.htm

The Chair's Foreword to the committee's First Report is available at: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jcnbn/report.htm

Matters under examination as part of the third review include: Rollout of wireless and satellite services, performance reporting, regulatory matters, national uniform pricing under the NBN, the E-readiness of SMEs, the potential of private equity to fund the NBN and Telstra workforce issues associated with the Retraining Funding Deed under the Telstra Agreement.

Submissions are due by **5 April 2012** and may be sent to:

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For further information, including the committee's terms of reference, visit www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn, email jcnbn@aph.gov.au or telephone (02) 6277 2322.

For media comment: please contact the Chair's Office on 0429 787 320.

Further information about the committee's Six Monthly Review of the Rollout of the National Broadband Network is available: by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 2322 via email jcnbn@aph.gov.au or by visiting the committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn