

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
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Connecting Australia! Wireless broadband

Since the release of the report the government has introduced a range of measures that have facilitated the use of wireless technologies to deliver broadband services. These measures include reductions in carrier licence fees, improved information for wireless operators and the launch of the Higher Bandwidth Incentive Scheme (HiBIS). Under HiBIS wireless providers are able to compete with other providers for over \$100 mill in incentives to improve access to broadband services in regional areas.

Given these developments and that in 2005 the government intends to introduce legislative amendments to the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* a response to the Productivity Commission Radiocommunications Inquiry and the Radiocommunications Review, the government does not plan to respond further to the report.