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Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network (JCNBN)
Parliament of Australia
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Dear Mr Stephens *Peter*

Correction to the Committee's second report on the *Review of the Rollout of the National Broadband Network*

I refer to the Second Report of the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network (the Committee) on the *Review of the Rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN)*, tabled in the Parliament on 24 November 2011.

Following the presentation of this report, I have reviewed its content and consequently, wish to submit the following correction on behalf of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Paragraph 2.38 on page 17 of this report refers to information extracted from the government's first report to the Committee on the NBN rollout (Submission 19, page 5), stating 'For Greenfields, the NBN Co has exceeded its expected target with 75,000 lots passed'. In fact, at 30 June 2011, NBN had received more than 1,700 applications from developers, with 1,188 active applications covering, not passing, approximately 75,000 lots (extract attached for information).

I trust this advice clarifies our position on this matter which is consistent with the information provided by Shareholder Ministers in its first report to the Committee. We would appreciate if you could inform the Committee of this advice and trust the above clarification is sufficient to make necessary corrections to the Committee's report.

If you have any queries about this correction, please contact Ms Elizabeth O'Shea, Assistant Secretary, NBN Stakeholder and Public Engagement Branch, on (02) 6271 1821 or by email at elizabeth.o'shea@dbcde.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Planning approvals for the initial sites has already been obtained, and NBN Co's agent, Aurora, commenced make-ready works in early May 2011 in these sites in preparation for the fibre rollout. Construction in each location is expected to take from approximately four to six months depending on the size of the site.

FTTP – Transit and Second Release

The Transit Project includes planning for three elements: Dark Fibre Links, Fibre Access Nodes, and Aggregation Nodes.

NBN Co is also in the process of selecting a Construction contractor for the provision and installation of the Transit Network.

The Planning process to refine the site priorities with Telstra following the signing of the Definitive Agreements commenced on 23 June and is scheduled for completion after 12 weeks on 15 September 2011.

FTTP –Access network construction

On 1 April 2011 NBN Co announced that it had indefinitely suspended its network construction tender after four rounds of pricing negotiations.

On 1 June 2011 NBN Co announced that it had reached an agreement with Silcar Pty Ltd which enables NBN Co to prepare for the first large-scale deployment of optic fibre for the NBN. Agreement was reached on terms and prices for construction worth \$380 million over the next two years, with the option of a further two years.

The Silcar Agreement covers Queensland, New South Wales and the ACT, and represents almost 40 per cent of national construction activity planned over the next two years and is in line with NBN Co's Corporate Plan assumptions.

Negotiations have been initiated with other construction contractors on Work Package 2 and 3 covering Victoria and Western Australia (WP2) and South Australia and Northern Territory (WP3).

FTTP- Greenfields

At 30 June 2011, NBN had received more than 1,700 applications from developers, with 1,188 active applications covering approximately 75,000 lots. There have been 403 developer contracts signed at the end of June, 2011. To meet its policy obligation, the Company has determined it will require approximately 300 temporary FAN sites to be built and connected via leased interim managed backhaul.

	Number
Developer applications (approx.)	1,700
Active applications	1,188
Total lots	75,000
Contracts signed	403