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Dear Sir

Re: National Broadband Network – submission.

The City of Playford is SA's fastest growing Council and has a number of areas with poor mobile phone and bandwidth connections and is keen to ensure that the National Broadband Network (NBN) in Greenfield area is able to be rolled out cost effectively. In Adelaide the SLA of Playford has the lowest broadband access in the metropolitan area with only 25% of homes having Broadband access where nationally the average access is over 40% (2006 ABS). Currently we have approximately 2,000 development applications per annum with the majority in Greenfield estates.

The City of Playford is currently working with the City of Salisbury, Tea Tree Gully and the Department of Further Education Employment Science and Technology on a Digital Strategy.

The City of Playford seeks your support for an early FTTP roll out, to redress low broadband access in Playford. In particular, in the next 12 months it is likely that up to 2,000 houses and several subdivisions will be developed before they can be fully compliant with NBN specifications. As such we urge the Commonwealth to bring in mandatory Building and Planning Policy which will make new dwellings compliant with NBN FTTP requirements.

We support the early roll out of NBN to both Greenfield and Brownfield areas in Playford, which is SA fastest growing Council. This will support business growth, in our town centres and home based businesses in residential areas. In addition, access to low cost broadband is vital to assist with enhancing the educational potential of our residents particularly in our outer urban areas.

As such Council seeks the earliest roll out of NBN in Playford to address social and educational disadvantage and promote economic growth.

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I look forward to your favourable consideration of this submission to assist in the implementation of NBN.

Yours faithfully

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