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NBN Co Limited

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Program No. NBN Co

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Topic: Tower Construction

Senator Madigan asked:

In light of Minister Turnbull's public comments, will NBN Co. have regard to the wasteful and nonsensical nature of this proposal and withdraw its current application for this project?

Answer:

NBN Co is proceeding with its existing high speed Fixed Wireless networks to service regional and remote premises where this is the most cost effective and appropriate technology choice, given the multi technology approach discussed in the Strategic Review. In the cast of Buninyong, due to the low density of premises, the targeted service area is most effectively covered by Fixed Wireless.

The wishes of residents directly affected by infrastructure must always be carefully balanced against the interests of the (typically much larger) number of residents who benefit from improved networks.