

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

2.152 That the Auditor General conducts a full review of the RFP process, to be commenced before the end of 2009.

Recommendation 2

2.154 That Infrastructure Australia be involved in the NBN process to the fullest capacity.

Recommendation 3

3.92 That the government:

- provides the committee with the Final and any Interim Reports prepared by the Lead Advisor to the implementation study.
- table a progress report in the Senate on the implementation of the NBN by no later than 17 September 2009, and that this progress report detail timeframes, benchmarks and milestones for specified deliverables against which the implementation of the project can be measured, including costings; and
- table further progress reports by the end of the Winter and Spring Sittings until such time as the NBN company's annual reports are available, which include evidence that the timeframes, milestones and benchmarks have been reached, the reasons for any failure to do so and remedial action to be taken.

Recommendation 4

3.94 That the government provide the committee with a copy of:

- the detailed implementation plan for the roll-out of the National Broadband Network, to be developed as part of the implementation study, on the first sitting day after it is provided to the Department; and
- the risk management strategy for the NBN roll-out.

Recommendation 5

3.97 That, as soon as possible, but no later than the last sitting day of the Winter sittings, the government provide to the committee the following:

- the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's formal report on the National Broadband Network (NBN) proposals to the NBN Panel of Experts
- the final report provided to the government from the NBN Panel of Experts on submissions to the NBN process.

Recommendation 6

3.99 That those aspects of the Expert Panel and the ACCC reports that discuss or make any conclusions or recommendations about the existing regulatory framework and options for its reform be provided to the committee as soon as possible, but no later than the last sitting day of the Winter sittings.