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**The Secretary  
House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications  
Inquiry into the role and potential of the National Broadband Network.**

Shellharbour City Council is appreciative of the opportunity to lodge a short submission to the above Inquiry.

As a member council of RDA Illawarra the council has contributed to the submission that body has also made to the Inquiry. The council is entirely supportive of RDA Illawarra's position about the potential and the benefits of the NBN, as outlined and expressed in the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

Additionally, as the adjoining LGA to Kiama Municipal Council (one of the early sites for NBN installation and rollout) the council is already in a good position to observe Term of Reference (e) in action insofar as employment opportunities being already promoted. The Council is also very prepared to assist NBNC Co with aspects of the rollout when it is extended to our city. The Council has had very constructive discussions already with NBNC Co in this regard.

Without in any way suggesting that the other terms of reference are diminished, Shellharbour City is particularly convinced that the NBN will have profound capacity to contribute to terms of reference c, e, f, and h.

The council would be pleased to be invited to participate in any hearings the Committee may have, to amplify the comments made above, particularly if the Committee elects to conduct a hearing in the Illawarra Region of NSW.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit.

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