

Additional Comments

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1.1 The rollout of the NBN is extremely important to the future economic development of Tasmania. It is now unclear whether Tasmania is going to enjoy first mover advantage under the Governments' current rollout plan.

1.2 The NBN will help drive Tasmania's transformation through projects such as the Macquarie House digital hub in Launceston.

1.3 It is clear that the Government and Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull when in opposition were happy to give Tasmanians the impression that the NBN rollout would be maintained with fibre to the premises as the standard and that contracts would be honoured.

1.4 This is proving not to be the case and the Greens remain concerned about the ongoing rollout of the NBN in Tasmania and the technology that will be provided. The current Government is yet to demonstrate their commitment to rolling out appropriate technology in Tasmania and the advantages this will bring businesses in Tasmania.

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