

MEDIA RELEASE

Senate Select Committee on the National Broadband Network

On 14 May 2009 the Senate approved a revision of the terms of appointment of the Senate Select Committee on the National Broadband Network.

The revised terms of reference reflect the change in the policy direction of the Rudd Government following its announcement on 7 April 2009 to terminate the Request for Proposal process. The revised terms of reference can be found at: http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/broadband_ctte/tor.htm

This revision will ensure the Committee is able to effectively continue its inquiry into the Government's policy to provide fibre-to-the-premise broadband services to 90 per cent of Australian homes, schools and workplaces, while connecting the remaining 10 per cent with next generation wireless and satellite technologies.

The Committee calls for interested stakeholders to provide submissions that relate directly to the revised terms of reference; submissions are due by close of business 3 July 2009.

The Committee intends to hold further public hearings in the coming months and will table its final report in the Senate on 23 November 2009. Further information about the Committee can be found at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/broadband_ctte/index.htm

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