

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

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Chair: Mr Robert Oakeshott MP Deputy Chair: Mrs Yvette D'Ath MP

Hearing on Fibre Deployment Bill

The Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network will hold a public hearing in Sydney on 16 May 2011 in reference to its Inquiry into the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2011.

The Bill will ensure the installation of infrastructure for fibre to the premises as part of the rollout of the National Broadband Network and enable NBN Co. to be the fibre provider of last resort in new developments, including broad acre estates, urban infill and urban renewal projects within its fibre footprint.

Committee Chair, Mr Oakeshott said "This inquiry gives the committee an opportunity to examine issues surrounding fibre deployment for new developments and will assist in informing the committee's ongoing role of examining the rollout of the National Broadband Network."

DETAILS OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Monday, 16 May 2011, Waratah Room, NSW Parliament, Macquarie Street, SYDNEY

11.00 am – 11.30am	NBN Co.
12.45 pm – 1.15 pm	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Telstra
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Greenfield Fibre Operators in Australia

Audio of the hearing will be available at: http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/

For media comment: please contact the Chair's Office on 0429 787 320.

Further information about the inquiry is available: by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 2322 via email <u>icnbn@aph.gov.au</u> or by visiting the committee's webpage at: <u>www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn/telbill</u>