

TelSoc NBN Futures Project Group

Attachment 2

NBN 10-Year Development Plan and Statement of Expectations

NBN 10-Year Development Plan – Essential ingredients

(The NBN Futures Group is addressing key aspects of these ingredients through the work program outlined in Attachment 1.)

1. Vision and objectives for the overall national broadband infrastructure
 - A broad vision encompassing social and economic value as rise instrumental objectives providing dated targets – agreed by government (and opposition)
2. Context of operation of the NBN
 - Foreseeable fixed and mobile development – NBN as a component of broadband infrastructure
 - Other possible developments
3. Objectives for the NBN fixed line structure
 - Specific objectives for the NBN within the overall national vision and objectives
4. Usage targets and measures
 - Kind and extent of applications providing social and economic value
 - Extent of digital inclusion
 - Role in Universal Service Guarantee
 - Commercial targets (ARPU)
5. Performance targets and measures
 - Speed and quality of service targets for metropolitan, regional and rural
6. Approach to increasing social and economic value and digital inclusion
 - Engagement in national approaches
 - Specific actions to be taken by NBN Co
 - Role in Universal Service Guarantee
7. Approach to reaching performance targets, particularly outside urban areas
 - Investment priorities, within a funding framework agreed with government
8. Financial strategy
 - Pricing
 - Priorities for positive cash flow (including consideration of dividend payments, debt reduction, network investment, price reductions, investment in digital capital and social and economic value) - within a framework agreed with government
9. Financial projections
10. Skill requirements and development processes
11. Meeting regulatory requirements
 - Compliance, monitoring
12. Risks and risk management

Statement of Expectations

High-level summary of (hopefully bipartisan) government expectations regarding elements in the NBN 10-Year Development Plan

Processes of Development and Review of Development Plan and Statement of Expectations

In this concept, the two are closely linked through the high-level summary of Expectations and the more detailed Development Plan.

In the first instance an iterative process could be adopted of an initial guiding Statement of Expectations, a responding NBN 10-Year Development Plan, and a concluding agreement on both documents.

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In practice NBN Co-would still produce a three-year Corporate or Operational Plan – and through that process propose any suggested adjustments to the NBN 10-Year Development Plan and consequently the Statement of Expectations.

The Department of Communications is seen to be the appropriate agency to engage with NBN Co in the development and agreement of the NBN 10-Year Development Plan and its review over time. It may need to establish a higher profile and increased capacity for this task.