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The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
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Dear Sir

Re: Government Review of the National Broadband Network

I refer to the inquiry into the Government's review of the National Broadband Network (NBN) and the Governance of NBN Co.

Council has received a number of representations from the community urging that Council lodge a submission emphasising the importance of the completion of the rollout of the NBN to regional Queanbeyan. It was widely understood that by March/April 2014 the NBN Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) would have been 40 percent complete by that time.

Queanbeyan City Council is mindful of the Government's reviews into the NBN and the Government Policy to reassess technologies and national economic considerations regarding a FTTP rollout.

Queanbeyan is expected to soon again become one of the fastest growing inland regional cities in Australia. The Queanbeyan Residential and Economic Strategy 2031, as approved by the NSW Government, provides for over 10,000 new residential allotments together with employment and community lands. The Queanbeyan population is expected to increase from 42,000 currently to around 75,000 by 2035.

Queanbeyan has a relatively high proportion of residents in the computer industry in both the private and public sectors. The new Queanbeyan township of Googong alone will have a population of 18,000 by 2032. Planning has centered on a relatively high proportion of Googong residents working from home or taking advantage of flexible workplace arrangements with work from home options.

Similarly the planned development of employment lands at the Poplars region of the Jerrabomberra Valley, Queanbeyan is expected to accommodate a significant number of information technology and digital economy businesses.

I would appreciate it if the views of the wider Queanbeyan community for an early highly efficient and effective NBN rollout to all premises could be taken into account.

Yours sincerely,

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