



Additional hearing on Fibre Deployment Bill

Communications consumer and industry groups will give evidence at the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network's second hearing on the Fibre Deployment Bill in Canberra on 17 June 2011.

The Bill will ensure the installation of infrastructure (pit and pipes) for fibre to the premises as part of the rollout of the National Broadband Network.

Under the provisions of the Bill, the Government has announced that NBN Co. will be the fibre provider of last resort in new developments, including broad acre estates, urban infill and urban renewal projects within its fibre footprint.

"This hearing will enable the committee to investigate further the competition issues which have been raised in regard to making greenfields developments fibre-ready," Committee Chair Rob Oakeshott says. "The committee will also examine the facilities access regime introduced under the proposed Bill."

DETAILS OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Friday, 17 June 2011, Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

11.15 am	Housing Industry Association
11.45 am	Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
12.15 pm	Urban Development Institute of Australia
1.30 pm	OptiComm Pty Ltd
2.00 pm	TransACT
2.30 pm	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

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 jcnbn@aph.gov.au or by visiting the committee's webpage at: www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn/telbill