

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

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Chair: Mr Robert Oakeshott MP Deputy Chair: Mr Rob Mitchell MP

NBN Co to discuss rollout progress

On 19 April 2013, NBN Co will appear before the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network (NBN) to discuss six-monthly progress of the NBN rollout.

As part of its Fifth Review, the committee will examine the Shareholder Ministers' Six Monthly Performance Report of the NBN rollout.

"With the Shareholder Ministers' letter and the Corporate Plan now fundamentally in dispute by both major parties, all witnesses will be given the opportunity to provide evidence, in detail, on the various rollout options, and the implications of different approaches", said Committee Chair Mr Rob Oakeshott.

In examining matters relating to the rollout of fibre, fixed wireless and satellite services, the committee will continue its inquiries into performance reporting and regulatory issues, rollout progress in regional and remote Australia, private equity engagement in the NBN, and workforce issues.

Other groups scheduled to appear before the committee to discuss these issues are listed in the program below.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Date: Friday, 19 April 2013 Venue: Ionic Room, Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney

- 8.30 am Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
- 9.00 am NBN Co Ltd Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Department of Finance and Deregulation
- 12.30 pm Competitive Carriers Coalition
- 1.00 pm Venture Consulting and Allen & Overy
- 1.45 pm Vodafone Hutchison Australia

Audio of the hearing will be available at: www.aph.gov.au/live

For media comment: please contact the office of Mr Rob Oakeshott MP, Chair, on 0429 787 320

Further information about the review and 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 website at: <u>www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn</u>