

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

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

Productivity Commission to appear before NBN Committee

The Productivity Commission will give evidence on the rollout of the \$35.9 billion National Broadband Network (NBN) at a public hearing of the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network in Canberra on 17 June 2011. The hearing is part of the committee's six monthly review of the NBN rollout.

The network is currently being rolled out to selected sites across Australia with commercial operation of the NBN expected to commence in September 2011.

"The committee has received evidence from NBN Co, the stakeholder departments and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in regard to its six monthly review of the NBN rollout," committee chair Rob Oakeshott said. "The committee welcomes the opportunity to discuss the issues already raised during its review with the Productivity Commission."

The committee is due to report by 31 August 2011.

DETAILS OF PUBLIC HEARING:

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

9.30 am – 11.00 am Productivity Commission

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 review 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>