

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of the residents of Forster Keys draws to the attention of the House the frustration we experience in obtaining affordable and robust internet connections. Forster Keys has over 500 homes in Forster NSW. Current cabling and infrastructure problems make connection to any ADSL solutions impossible for the majority of residents. Mobile solutions are expensive, unreliable and provide minimal download allocations compared to ADSL solutions for the same monthly cost. Current plans see Mobile access data allowance of 8Gb costing \$55 per month compared to ADSL allowance of 100Gb for the same price.

As we do not appear in any NBN future plans we ask that an interim, cost effective, solution be considered. With the installation of a fixed wireless facility on Booti Hill we have been advised that the Forster Keys area could be covered in terms of reliable connection, but is not part of the allowable area. The current connection boundary is the Wallis Lake foreshore, which borders Forster Keys.

We feel that we are disadvantaged by connectivity issues peculiar to our small area in that the rest of Forster/Tuncurry, and now rural and small village residents to our south have vastly superior and cost effective options.

We therefore ask the House to allow Forster Keys residents to connect to the Booti tower as a temporary solution. This would allow us to access reliable, adequate and affordable connections until the NBN solution is available.