

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 117**

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**Topic: Howden Exclusion**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

What caused the ‘oversight’ reported by The Mercury on 20 October 2015 that led to Howden being excluded from NBN’s three-year rollout plan?

**Answer:**

The ‘oversight’ referred to is that details of the rollout in Howden were not uploaded to the internet at the same time as the rest of the Three-year Rollout Plan. Howden was included on the 18-month plan published in July 2015, and has always been included in the **nbn** rollout plans in Tasmania. This is of course inherently implied in **nbn**’s stated objective of connecting every premises in Tasmania by mid-2018.