

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Topic: FTTN – Towns in Non-Fixed Line Footprint**

**Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:**

**Senator CONROY:** Can you please provide, either on notice or later in the hearing, the towns in the non-fixed line footprint that will be receiving FTTN? There was confusion about 1,000 homes and 500 people, or 1,000 people and 500 homes—it was a very rough delineation. I was just wondering if you could tell us the towns that have been added. People are roughly aware of what they were getting. Is it possible to get a list of the towns that will now be receiving FTTN that previously were not receiving FTTN?

**Mr Morrow:** You mean that were scheduled to receive satellite? If I was satellite, I might now either be fixed wireless or FTTN—it would be moving from satellite?

**Senator CONROY:** They might have been fibre. There could have been some towns that were going to be fibre that are now going to be FTTN. I do not think so, because that is not the fixed line footprint.

**Mr Morrow:** I do not think so either.

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**Senator CONROY:** You have grown the fixed wireless and satellite footprint in total from seven to eight, but you have changed the mix within it. So I am trying to work out what the change is. It actually may not be possible. I can see you are sort of shaking your head as I am asking you the question. It may be too hard to work it out.

**Mr Morrow:** Let us take that on notice. But I would point out that one of the reasons why I am shaking my head is that what is very difficult for us on the aggregate—and, again, for anybody that would be doing this—is the database of integrity of how many homes and where the homes are is not good. We think that there are close to 11 million homes and businesses today. In fact, when we go out and deploy into certain areas we think, from the database, that we are able to have this many homes out there, and we actually find something entirely different.

**Senator CONROY:** I promise you that I am very familiar with the poor quality of the database that you have to work with.

**Mr Morrow:** I presumed that you were.

**Senator CONROY:** Which we got from another place.

**Mr Morrow:** Yes. So we calibrate this, and sometimes those percentages change.

**Senator CONROY:** Just so you are aware: they get very sensitive when you tell them that their database is not that good—though we probably know more about where homes in Australia are than they do nowadays. I appreciate that it may be impossible to actually do that, but if it is possible to identify, as I said, the homes that have moved out of satellite and fixed wireless into FTTN, that would be appreciated.

**Mr Morrow:** We will take that on notice.

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**Answer:**

The publicly released rollout plan is updated quarterly and towns and Fibre Serving Areas can move in and out of the fixed line footprint every quarter. It is not practical to track these movements over time.