

Question on Notice

With respect to the rollout of the NBN, which will be at some point, is there any specific role that you think local governments ought to be able to play with respect to the physical rollout of that network? Is there one issue, whether it is co-locating pits or something like that, or some specific element of that that you would like to see local government have more of a say in?

Response

- Local Governments may be able to provide or lease existing infrastructure, such as masts and towers, that are under the Local Governments' ownership or management, for the purposes of reducing capital costs, construction times, amenity impacts and maximizing usage of prime sites within the municipality.
- Local Governments can advise on routes which cables could take to ensure they will pass government and community buildings such as libraries, telecentres, administration centres, schools.
- Local Governments normal planning approvals process must apply when determining the location of all NBN infrastructure and works that do not fall under the definition of "low-impact facilities" within the Telecommunications Act.
- Local Government seeks coordination by carriers / subcontractors with Local Governments in relation to the development of work plans, in order to enable the co-location of infrastructure and/or coordination of works wherever possible.
- Local Government seeks minimization of the visual / amenity impacts of NBN infrastructure.
- Consideration should be given to minimizing the opportunities for vandalism/graffiti of NBN infrastructure and early removal of such.
- Minimize duplication of telecommunications infrastructure that the NBN may interact with.