

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

Questions on Notice

Further hearings into the National Broadband Network

Melbourne, 14 April 2010

Armidale Dumaresq Council (NSW)

Mr Stephen Gow, Director Planning and Environment Services (Teleconference))

Mr David Steller, Director, Engineering and Works (Teleconference)

Municipality of Kiama (NSW)

Mr Bryan Whittaker, Engineering Director (Teleconference)

Townsville Council (QLD)

*Mr David Lynch, Executive Manager, Economic Development and Strategic Projects
(Teleconference)*

City of Onkaparinga (SA)

Mr Brian Hales, Group Manager Economic Development (Teleconference)

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1	Additional Question	Fisher	<u>Selection of sites</u> (a) Did your council apply to have a 'first release' site? No (b) How did you know that an application was appropriate? (c) In respect of which areas/sites did you apply? (d) When did you apply? (e) How did you learn of your "success"; when?	

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2	Additional Question	Fisher	<u>Logistical arrangements</u> a. How is the NBN being rolled out in your area; over what timeframe? <u>The construction plan for the trial areas of Kiama Downs and Minnamurra is August to December 2010</u> i. Has there been sufficient consultation/collaboration with the local council over the project? <u>Yes, although the timeframe has been very rushed</u> ii. Who is co-ordinating the roll-out on the ground and co-ordination of services? <u>NBN Co</u> iii. Is the roll-out via aerial or underground cabling; how is this being decided? <u>Both, Aerial is being used where there is existing overhead power lines and underground where there is no existing overhead power.</u> iv. Is new fibre being installed or is existing infrastructure being used? Was there existing infrastructure available? <u>New fibre.</u> v. Is current regional backhaul sufficient to meet the network's needs? <u>We believe so</u> vi. To what extent are local planning policies affected by the NBN roll-out and what measures have you taken to identify and address these? <u>Council needs to know what legislation covers the roll-out to give any advice. Council has been advised a meeting will be arranged with senior planning staff to discuss this issue</u> vii. Is the speed of the roll-out appropriate? <u>It appears rushed</u> viii. When is rollout scheduled to be complete; how do you know this; and is there an agreed time plan for rollout? <u>Council are only aware of the rollout program for the trial area. It is unclear when the full rollout for the municipality will occur.</u>	

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3	Additional Question	Fisher	<u>Publicity and information</u> a. To what extent is information about the NBN being communicated to future end-users; by whom, how and when? <u>By NBN. There has been no communication to residents to date. A community consultation plan is being developed by NBN. Council is assisting by advising of peak community groups, events and display locations. A community “Drop In” information morning is scheduled for 8th May</u>	

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