

# Recommendations

## Recommendation 1

**1.54** That the Implementation Plan clearly states the government's intention to prioritise the needs of underserved communities, particularly those in regional, rural and remote areas, over those with comparatively well-served urban areas.

## Recommendation 2

**5.40** That the government releases a detailed Business Plan for Tasmania by 31 December 2009 that includes: an implementation plan that details which towns will be connected by fibre and which will miss out; Commonwealth funding details for the Tasmanian roll-out; pricing details for Tasmanian consumers; and the percentage of aerial vs underground fibre connections to the premises.

## Recommendation 3

**5.46** That the government expediently bring forward the legislation that will provide the governance and funding framework for the NBN Co Ltd.

## Recommendation 4

**6.188** That the government conducts a rigorous cost-benefit analysis of its NBN proposal before the NBN Co enters into any new asset purchasing agreements for the mainland deployment.

## Recommendation 5

**6.189** That the government provides an Interim Implementation Study Report by 31 December 2009. This must provide a progress account of the planning of the NBN, including the progress of the deployment in Tasmania and lessons learned from that deployment.

## Recommendation 6

**6.190** That the government immediately undertakes a skills audit for the NBN, detailing the training course required, the training timeframes involved and the training institutions available to ensure there is a fully skilled workforce ready to deploy the NBN in each region.

## Recommendation 7

**6.191** That the cost-benefit analysis, the Interim Implementation Study Report and the Final Implementation Study, are all released for public scrutiny within 14 days of completion.

## Recommendation 8

**6.192** That the government commissions the Productivity Commission to undertake an annual ongoing evaluation of the impact on productivity resulting

from broadband uptake, across all community, business and industry sectors, with the first report to be tabled in parliament before the last sitting day in 2010.

#### **Recommendation 9**

**6.193** That if the Implementation Study concludes the NBN project specifications are unrealistic, not practical or uneconomical, that the government must reassess its overall policy approach.

#### **Recommendation 10**

**7.91** That the government provide greater opportunities for commercial viability of broadband networks by advocating the development of new applications that will facilitate economic development and improvements in health, education and energy efficiency outcomes.

#### **Recommendation 11**

**8.83** That further consideration of the bill not proceed until after the NBN Implementation Study has been completed, the government has tabled its response to the Implementation Study and the Senate has certainty about the network structure of the NBN Co and the regulatory framework which will surround it.

#### **Recommendation 12**

**9.18** That the Senate agree to extend the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network, under the following revised terms of reference:

a) That the resolution of the Senate of 25 June 2008, as amended, appointing the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network, be further amended:

- to omit "25 November 2009", and substitute "30 April 2010"; and
- to add the following paragraph to the committee's terms of reference:

(2A) The Committee is to examine the findings of the National Broadband Network Implementation Study, the Government's response to the Implementation Study and any subsequent implications of that report for the National Broadband Network policy.