

From: Dave Harris
Sent: Saturday, 15 March 2008 2:21 PM
To: National Broadband Network
Subject: Comment on National Broadband Network from an Edgewater WA resident.
Importance: High

Dear National Broadband Panel of Experts

I would like to submit the following comment regarding the proposed National Broadband Network.

I agree that you may publish and use this in any way you see fit.

I believe that it would be the right thing to do that when the "rollout" commences, that those Metropolitan areas that are currently poorly (or not at all) served for broadband get rolled out first.

As a taxpayer I do not wish to see areas that are currently Broadband "rich" get yet another choice while other areas languish for years until the rollout is complete.

The "Broadband Poor" areas are typically too far from exchanges to get any meaning full speed ADSL1 service let alone ADSL2 speed, have extensive RIMS and Pair Gain Architecture and do not have either Telstra or Optus cable as an alternative.

I believe there are many of these "Broadband limited" areas in the Perth Metropolitan Area .

As an example I refer to the suburb of Edgewater, 6027 where I live and obviously have some interest.

Edgewater is connected to the Wanneroo Exchange which is about 3.5 kms away at its nearest point and over 5Kms at its furthest (and that is as the Crow Flies) which will indicate to your technical people what sort of Broadband speed and service would be possible. Telstra will not supply ADSL to most of the suburb as "noise and signal loss too high"

There are also many RIMS or Pairgains even in the parts of Edgewater, WA 6027 where one might get a degraded ADSL service.

I am about 3.7Kms from the exchange and am lucky enough to get around 5Mbs ADSL1 from the exchange, I believe ADSL2 might make 6Mbs. My cuernt ISP cannot in any event asupply ADSL2 as Telstra do not wholsale the service Most of Edgewater as I have previous said is much further from the exchange. There is no cable service in Edgewater.

I hope you take this submission into consideration when you decide on the Rollout Schedule. in summary " Rollout to the poorest broadband served areas first" You will also get a fast take up of the service giving a quicker ROI to the retailers.

regards

David Harris

From: Dave Harris
Sent: Monday, 17 March 2008 10:18 AM
To: National Broadband Network
Subject: Comment on National Broadband Network Rollout

Dear National Broadband Panel of Experts

I would like to submit the following additonal comment regarding the proposed National Broadband Network.

I agree that you may publish and use this in any way you see fit.

I have no connection to any companies, organisations or individuals who may benefit financially from the introduction of the proposed National Broadband Network.

In addition to my previous submitted comments suggesting "broadband poor" areas be first to be rolled out, I would also like to suggest that the rollout proceed in parallel in all States so that all "broadband poor" areas start to get service at the same time. I would not like to see a situation where for example you start in Victoria and end up 5 years later say in Western Australia (just being a bit parochial) and the project runs out of funds or there is a political change of Govt and like the cable rollout most of the "last" areas end up with nothing. Taxpayer monies are being used so I expect us all to get equitable access.

regards

David Harris

From: Dave Harris
Sent: Wednesday, 19 March 2008 4:52 PM
To: National Broadband Network Taskforce
Subject: Comment on National Broadband Network Rollout..Local Council involvement

Dear National Broadband Panel of Experts

I would like to submit the following additional comment regarding the proposed National Broadband Network.

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I have no connection to any companies, organisations or individuals who may benefit financially from the introduction of the proposed National Broadband Network.

In addition to my previous submitted comments suggesting "broadband poor" areas be first to be rolled out and a parallel rollout in all States, I would like to suggest that local councils, prior to giving permission for new subdivisions, new suburbs etc to go ahead that the developers must ensure access to high speed broadband is also available to all in the proposed development together with other services such as Electricity, water and sewerage. i.e. no broadband then no approval.

I also think that local councils should be barred from stopping the rollout of broadband infrastructure as long as it complies with whatever rules the Govt places upon the successful tenderer.

Councils should also be obliged to provide suitable locations for any equipment that may be required to be placed on Council owned land e.g. roads, footpaths, reserves etc.

This will ensure the proposed National Broadband rollout is "future proofed" to some extent and not subject to the frivolous actions of some councils and cost cutting by developers.

regards

David Harris

From: Dave Harris
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2008 4:23 PM

To: National Broadband Network Taskforce

Subject: Comment on National Broadband Network Rollout .communicating with the public.

Dear National Broadband Panel of Experts

I would like to submit the following additional comment regarding the proposed National Broadband Network.

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I would like to suggest that once the tender is awarded that there is a database which any potential user can look up on the net and see when (say within a month) the new service will be available in their street, suburb.

The benefit of this to the user is that they know when it will happen, and to the wholesaler/ retailer that they will not be inundated with inquiries and to the Govt the knowledge will be out there that it is actually happening.

I would also like to see at the same website a method whereby people, who have for whatever reason been left out, can register that fact and the Govt can then get on to the successful tenderer and get that situation fixed. As far as I am concerned as a taxpayer, whose money will I presume in part go to the rollout that no one except in the most remote areas should be left out and that 100% coverage must be available in the Metro areas in existing and newly built residential areas.

regards

David Harris