

ID	Initiative	Details	Status	Issues & Risks	Next steps
023	National Broadband Network (NBN)	<p>Timeframe: The Government has announced that the network rollout will begin in Tasmania from mid 2009, and the rest of Australia from 2010. The network rollout is expected to take 8 years. An implementation study for the network is to be completed by early 2010.</p> <p>Contact: (Competition & Consumer Policy) Phone:</p>	<p>Updated: 29 May 2009 1:38 PM</p>	<p>Terms of reference are being finalised for an NBN implementation study to determine the operating arrangements, detailed network design, ways to attract private sector investment, and procurement opportunities for local business. Negotiations are proceeding with the Tasmanian Government to expedite the NBN rollout in Tasmania. Consultation papers have been released on regional backbone blackspots, and NBN regulatory reform.</p>	<p>Considerable financial risks to the Commonwealth remain, including uncertainty over the likely extent of private sector involvement. However, from a competition policy perspective, the Government's announcement provides an excellent opportunity to address longstanding problems in the sector - the risk is that this opportunity is wasted or compromised.</p> <p>Amber</p>