

ID	Initiative	Details	Status	Issues & Risks	Next steps	Δ
025	National Broadband Network (NBN)	<p><b>Timeframe:</b> 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><b>Contact:</b> (Competition &amp; Consumer Policy) Phone:</p> <p><b>Updated:</b> 29 June 2009 10:12 AM</p>	<p>A lead adviser for the NBN implementation study will be appointed in mid July, to provide an interim report by mid August. Secretaries are shortlisting potential NBN Company Chair and Board members, for Ministerial decision in July/August. Negotiations with the Tasmanian Government and Aurora Energy for the Tasmanian NBN rollout are progressing, albeit more slowly than expected.</p> <p>[s.47C]</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 telecommunications sector - the risk is that this opportunity is wasted or compromised.</p>	<p>Brief Treasurer on proposed options for regulatory reform, and discuss options with Department of Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy, the ACCC and central agencies. Secretary to provide input to shortlisting process for NBN Company Chair and Board members. Mr Martine will continue as Chairman of the Interim Board for NBN Company until final appointments are made. Treasury will also participate in the Steering Committee for the NBN Implementation study.</p>	Amber