

027	<b>National Broadband Network (NBN)</b>	<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> 27 July 2009 2:43 PM</p>	<p>A lead adviser for the NBN implementation study will be appointed soon, to provide an interim report by mid August. Potential NBN Company Chair and Board members have been shortlisted, for Ministerial decision in July/August.</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>Prepare possible Treasury statement/submission for Senate Select Committee on NBN. Brief Treasurer on proposed options for regulatory reform, and discuss options with DBCDE, the ACCC and central agencies. Secretary input to appointment process for NBN Company Chair and Board members. Announcement of Executive Chairman is imminent, at which time Mr Martine will revert from Chairman to Director. Treasury will also participate in the Steering Committee for the NBN Implementation study.</p>	<p>Amber</p>
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