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016	National Broadband Network (NBN)	<p><b>Announcement Details:</b> The initiative was first announced in the 2007 election. The decision to establish a new company to build and operate the NBN was announced in a joint press release on 7 April 2009.</p> <p><b>Timeframe:</b> The NBN rollout commenced in Tasmania in mid 2009, and rollout for the rest of Australia will commence in 2011. Rollout is expected to take 8 years.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> (Infrastructure Competition &amp; Consumer Division) Phone:</p> <p><b>Updated:</b> 24 February 2010 3:07 PM</p>	<p>McKinsey/KPMG has provided Steering Committee members with a draft implementation study report, due to be finalised by end February.</p> <p>Negotiations with NBN Co. and Telstra are continuing, although a deal is not expected for some time. The Minister intends to reintroduce, with amendments, the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009, which includes measures to address Telstra's high levels of integration. If passed, the legislation would provide further impetus for a Telstra deal with NBN Co.</p>	<p>Considerable financial risks to the Commonwealth remain, including increased uncertainty over the likely extent of private sector involvement. However, from a competition policy perspective, the Government's policy provides an excellent opportunity to address long standing problems in the telecommunications sector.</p>	<p>Participate in the NBN Secretaries Working Group and the Steering Committee for the NBN implementation study.</p> <p>Provide advice to assist Government decisions on the recommendations of the implementation study (February - March 2010).</p>	<p>Amber</p>