

ID	Initiative	Details	Status	Issues & Risks	Next steps
019	National Broadband Network (NBN)	<p><b>Announcement Details:</b> The initiative was first announced during 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. Senator Conroy released the NBN Implementation Study on 6 May 2010.</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> 27 May 2010 1:11 PM</p>	<p>Senator Conroy has released the NBN Implementation Study, which found that the NBN can have a strong business case and can be built for less than \$43 billion. An expected profile of the Government's equity contribution into NBN Co has been included in the contingency reserve. Negotiations with NBN Co are continuing. The Minister has re-introduced an amended Bill which includes measures to address Telstra's horizontal and vertical integration, and a Bill to facilitate fibre rollout to greenfields developments.</p>	<p>The Implementation Study has identified that private sector involvement in NBN Co is unlikely until at least 5 years after the rollout is completed. Financial risks to the Commonwealth remain, in particular due to uncertainty regarding a deal with Telstra and likely takeover of NBN Co's services. However, from a competition policy perspective, the Government's policy nevertheless 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 (May-June 2010).</p> <p>Provide advice on proposals for negotiations with Telstra.</p>

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