

Cost-Benefit Analysis and Review of Regulatory Arrangements for the NBN

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NBN Review Panel releases consultation paper on the telecommunications regulatory arrangements

The panel conducting the cost-benefit analysis of the National Broadband Network (NBN) and examining its future regulatory framework today released a [Consultation Paper](#) on telecommunications regulation.

Under its terms of reference, the panel is required to undertake the statutory review of the telecommunications industry access arrangements under section 152EOA of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

Chair of the panel, Dr Michael Vertigan, said “This paper provides an overview of the Part XIC access regime and seeks feedback on its principles and operation. The paper also provides an overview of provisions in the *National Broadband Network Companies Act 2011* that are required to be reviewed and seeks feedback on these.”

“Many stakeholders have already put forward views on many of these matters in their submissions to the panel’s framing paper. However, this paper goes into these issues in much more detail. I encourage industry and other stakeholders to put forward any additional views they have.”

The panel consists of Dr Michael Vertigan AC as Chair, alongside Ms Alison Deans, Professor Henry Ergas and Mr Tony Shaw PSM as panel members.

The panel will make recommendations on regulation and policy, including the role of government support for fast broadband, industry structure and competition, and other longer-term industry matters. The panel is expected to provide its final report to the Government in June 2014.

Submissions on the consultation paper close on 14 April 2014. Submissions can be made via email to NBNReview@communications.gov.au

Submissions on the panel’s framing paper are available at: [Submissions Received](#)

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