

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

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NBN Review Panel to take public sounding on the regulatory environment

The panel conducting the cost-benefit analysis and review of regulatory arrangements for the National Broadband Network (NBN) today released a [Regulatory Issues Framing Paper](#) to seek views from industry and the public on the structure and regulatory environment for Australia's future broadband market.

The panel is seeking initial views on broad industry structure, including competition and the role of NBN Co and other participants, and regulatory settings following migration to the NBN.

Dr Michael Vertigan, Chair of the panel, said "this is the start of the panel's consultation processes and we have deliberately begun at a high-level to guide our thinking on a framework that will promote access to fast broadband. The panel envisages issuing one or more other papers on specific matters during the course of the review."

"I encourage the industry and the public to fully participate in this process and make submissions," Dr Vertigan said.

Separately, the panel is developing and refining a methodology for its cost-benefit analysis of the availability of broadband of differing properties via various technologies. The panel plans to release this methodology when it is complete.

The Australian Government appointed the NBN [panel of experts](#) on 12 December 2013 to conduct an independent cost-benefit analysis of broadband and review of the regulatory arrangements for the NBN.

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 Government in June 2014.

Submissions on the Regulatory Issues Framing Paper close at 12pm (AEDT) on 14 March 2014. Submissions can be made via email to nbnreview@communications.gov.au

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