



TAYLOR: NBN VASTLY SUPERIOR FOR HUME AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume today emphasised the superiority of the coalition’s NBN and telecommunications plan. Mr Taylor said that regional Australia and the people of **Hume** in particular will be significantly better off under the coalition plan.

Mr Taylor said that a simple comparison of key indicators as between the coalition and Labor NBNs demonstrated very clearly just how much better off people in Hume would be under a coalition NBN. Mr Taylor said that Labor’s claim that the bush would be worse off with the coalition’s NBN was “simply wrong.”

Mr Taylor provided the following table for points of comparison:

	ALP	Coalition
Timing of roll out and prospects of success.	No material progress on fibre in Hume for next three years other than a handful of new housing developments in Wollondilly and Goulburn. Fixed wireless rollout by 2016. Promise to complete entire NBN by 2021. However, NBN currently connecting to 30 houses per day instead of the 6800 in the NBN Co. plan. In other words, little or no prospect of success even by 2021.	Improve to 25 mbps across Australia (in the city and the bush using appropriate technologies) by 2016, and 50 mbps for 90% of fixed line users by 2019. Because the coalition plan rolls fibre to the node (and not every premise in Australia) the task - whilst still enormous - is deliverable.
\$ Cost	\$90 per month in 2021.	\$66 cap per month in 2021.
Mobile phone	Not included.	NBN Co. will be directed to fix mobile telephone black spots as it rolls out its fixed wireless network around Australia.
Prioritisation	Logic unclear. Appears to be driven by politics.	Reprioritised to areas of greatest need. This means the regions- which have the poorest speeds and service at the moment – will come before the cities where speeds are already good.

Speed	100mbps by 2021 if plan can catch up to schedule.	25 mbps by 2016 for all users; 50 mbps for 70 per cent of homes by 2019 (or 90% of fixed line users). Optional upgrades to 100 mbps at user expense.
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Mr Taylor said that the coalition's promised speed of 25 mbps by 2016 – by the end of a coalition government's first term - is five times the current average broadband speed in Australia, but more than 10 times faster than most people in Hume currently get.

Mr Taylor said:

“Last week the Australian Financial Review clearly endorsed the coalition's NBN plan. The AFR editorialised that our NBN was better because it is vastly cheaper, does not crowd out competition, and does “not lock the project entirely into one particular technology at a time when technology is advancing rapidly.”

“However, for regional Australia in particular, the coalition's plan is quite simply a superior plan on just about every front.

“The wonderful thing for taxpayers in regional Australia is that over the next few years we will not be paying for the roll out of fibre to every house and unit in the wealthy suburbs of inner Sydney – where they already have vastly faster speeds - while we languish with inferior broadband services and speeds. Because our broadband services and speeds are inferior, the coalition's NBN will come to us first.

“This is exciting for people and businesses in regional Australia.

“Our plan is also deliverable. As I have recently said, we will actually get this done.”

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