



TAYLOR: LABOR'S NBN OFFERS ZERO FOR GOULBURN, WHILE UNRAVELING AS THE GREATEST INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume, says that the asbestos contamination problems emerging on Labor's NBN highlights the inability of this federal government to execute major projects or programs. Mr Taylor said that Labor has known about the contamination risks in Telstra pits since 2009, and that the problem should have been resolved when Labor first knew of it.

Mr Taylor said:

"There is a fundamental problem with planning and execution with this government. Because none of the members of the cabinet have ever run a business or a project in their lives, they are wholly unable to supervise any project, let alone the most ambitious infrastructure project ever envisaged by a federal government.

Instead, without a cost-benefit analysis or any independent advice on whether their 'pie in the sky' NBN could be achieved, Labor put on its blinkers and started on its plan of digging up every street in the country. It is estimated up to one third of Telstra pits – those built between the 1950s and early 1980s – are asbestos-contaminated. They knew this, but they ploughed on.

As with everything else – pink batts and school halls - Labor did not do its homework on the NBN. They did no economic homework and no logistics homework. No wonder it is unravelling as the greatest infrastructure failure in our nation's history. This project has exposed government delinquency at every step of the way, on a grand scale.

Mr Taylor said that the coalition's plan to roll out fibre to the node - and with more emphasis on fixed wireless solutions where that is the better solution - will disturb far fewer Telstra pits.

He said:

“Moreover, not only will fewer pits be dug up, **in Goulburn** the coalition’s NBN plan will be delivered way before Labor’s. The wonderful thing for taxpayers in **Goulburn** 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.

People need to know that **the Labor NBN does not include Goulburn** in its recently announced 3 year roll out plan. So Labor’s NBN is not happening here any time soon.

“Our plan is hugely ambitious, and will still be a major infrastructure project, the likes we have not seen since the Snowy Scheme. However, it is also deliverable. As I have said before, we will actually get this done.”

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