MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS

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Ms Gai Brodtmann MP Member for Canberra 205 Anketell Street TUGGERANONG ACT 2900

National Broadband Network Rollout - Gleneagles Estate, ACT

Dear Ms Brodtmann Gai

Thank you for your recent letter following-up from your previous representation dated 22 January 2015 on behalf of Mr Steve Ulrich of the Gleneagles Estate NBN Committee about their co-funding proposal to NBN Co Limited (NBN Co) for fibre deployment to their community.

My Department has contacted NBN Co on Mr Ulrich's behalf for an update on their submission. I am advised that that NBN Co's 'Technology Choice' team has been in discussion with Mr Ulrich for some time about how the company can assist the residents of the Gleneagles Estate access broadband fibre connections.

However, on 26 June 2015, Mr Ulrich was advised that it was not practical for NBN Co to proceed with an Area Switch application under the 'Technology Choice' program, as not all property owners wished to participate in the proposal. This would not comply with 'Technology Choice' policy, which requires all premises in an area to be included. In addition, Mr Ulrich was further advised that an Area Switch is not a means of bringing forward the rollout schedule.

At this point, Mr Ulrich was advised that the best course of action for the Gleneagles Estate NBN Committee was for the residents to make individual applications for fibre connections to their homes once NBN Co had deployed the fixed line network to the Kambah area, which encompasses the Gleneagles Estate.

Thank you for bringing Mr Ulrich's concerns to me attention. I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Turnbull