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Shadow Minister for Communications

Member for Blaxland

Mr. David Boxall
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Dear Mr Boxall

Labor is the Nation-Building Party - from the Snowy Mountains Scheme to the National Broadband Network.

The National Broadband Network is the largest and most important infrastructure project in Australia. It is important that it is done right.

In Government Labor planned to rollout fibre-to-the-premises to 93 percent of Australian households. Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull abandoned this approach.

Under the Coalition's approach, more than 4.5 million Australian homes and businesses will be stuck with the old copper network.

Malcolm Turnbull's Mess – the second rate copper NBN is rolling out slower than Malcolm Turnbull promised, and it is a lot more expensive than he promised.

He promised it would cost \$29.5 billion and be available by 2016. It has now blown out to up to \$56 billion and will take until at least 2020 to build.

Decades from now I am sure we will look back and wonder what this debate about fibre and copper was all about. And that's because the network we will be using will be essentially a fibre network.

Fibre to the Node will be gone. It's not a question of if this will happen. It's when it will happen and how it will be done.

And the party that will do it will be the Australian Labor Party. If you vote for the Labor Party at the next election you will be voting for more fibre.

Labor is working closely with the telecommunications industry to finalise our National Broadband Network policy and will release it closer to the next federal election.

Thank you for contacting me about this very important issue.

Yours sincerely


Jason Clare