Alice Springs Hosts Online and Communications Council Meeting

Minister for Information, Communications and Technology Policy Karl Hampton today hosted a meeting with his state, territory and federal counterparts in Alice Springs.

Mr Hampton said a progress report on the $43 billion National Broadband Network was one of the key agenda items discussed at the meeting.

“I am determined to ensure the best possible outcome for Territorians from the roll out of this $43 billion initiative,” Mr Hampton said.

“Access to high-speed broadband is an essential element of modern society which is why I pressed our case for the rollout to begin soon in urban centres and remote Indigenous communities.

“The rollout of the $43 billion National Broadband Network will play a vital role in Working Future and our Indigenous Economic Development strategy that will make our towns and communities better places to live and work.

“Better information technology that is quicker, cheaper and more reliable will greatly benefit services such as health and education, as well as businesses and homes that rely on this technology.

“During today’s meeting I also pushed the case for pricing parity across the regions and throughout the country.”

Mr Hampton said he was proud to be the host minister of the 17th meeting of the Online Information and Communications Ministerial Council meeting.

“It is an honour for the Territory to be chosen to host this meeting,” Mr Hampton said.

“One of the highlights of the meeting is tomorrow’s visit to the Alice Springs School of the Air to see how hundreds of Territory students depend on modern technology to help deliver their education.”

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