Broadband Backbone a Boon for the Territory

Territory families, businesses, communities, and schools are set to reap the benefits of a major investment in the Territory’s broadband backbone infrastructure.

Minister for Information, Communications and Technology Policy, Mr Karl Hampton, today welcomed the Rudd Government’s announcement of a priority National Broadband Network investment linking the Territory with the east coast of Australia.

“This announcement is fantastic news for the Territory,” Minister Hampton said.

“This increase in competition will lead to lower broadband costs for Territory families and businesses as well as an increase in the level of services.

“It will also provide many jobs here in the Territory during the construction phase.

“This Territory Government has lobbied successive Commonwealth Governments on the need for investment in this vital infrastructure in the Territory.

“I have met with Senator Conroy a number of times over the past 12 months to specifically push our case for this timely investment.

“I am delighted that Senator Conroy has chosen the Territory as one of the first places to benefit from the Australia wide roll out of this broadband backbone.

“I also congratulate the Member for Solomon, Damian Hale MP, and the Member for Lingiari, Warren Snowdon MP, on helping to the secure this vital investment in the Territory’s future.”

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