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Inquiry Secretary
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Inquiry Secretary

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS
AND THE ARTS**

The Senate Standing Committee on the Environment, Communications and the Arts has requested submissions in respect of the *Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No 1) Bill 2009*. Optus is pleased to provide this brief response to the Committee.

As a telecommunications provider, Optus has already been required to provide information under the original legislation in connection with the Government's Request for Proposals to build and operate a fibre to the node National Broadband Network (NBN). Optus has no concerns with the current amendments which seek to change the focus of the legislation to the Government's current proposals for a fibre to the premise NBN.

More specifically, we anticipate that this is a necessary piece of legislation to assist with the efficient and cost effective roll-out of the NBN. It is likely that information obtained under this legislation, including that from utility companies, will enable more informed decisions to be made about the optimal deployment of new infrastructure to support the roll-out of the NBN.

Yours faithfully

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