



David Bartlett, MP
Premier

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Tasmania's National Broadband Network bid lodged

The Tasmanian Government has lodged its bid under the Australian Government's \$4.7 billion National Broadband Network (NBN) initiative.

"I can confirm that the Tasmanian Government has formally lodged a bid to build the National Broadband Network (NBN) in Tasmania," Premier David Bartlett said today.

"I am determined to pull Tasmania from the bottom of the pile in Australia in terms of its use of broadband technologies, to the top.

"This is what our NBN bid is designed to deliver.

"It is a far reaching and comprehensive proposal that brings together an impressive range of skills, existing infrastructure and other Tasmanian-specific competitive advantages.

"We are the only State Government to lodge the \$5 million bond to allow us to participate in the NBN process.

"The Government is deadly serious about this.

"The Aurora and Basslink agreement to bring nationally-competitive broadband to Tasmania was only the first step in my vision.

"The NBN will deliver very high speed broadband infrastructure and be the dams, poles and wires of the future.

"With the Government's submission, the NBN will underpin our economic strength and jobs growth for decades to come.

"NBN probity guidelines prevent me from providing any detail on our bid.

"The development of the bid has required a huge effort from many people across Government, including a number of Government businesses.

"It is a comprehensive submission that I know will be seriously considered by the NBN Expert Panel and the Australian Government."

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