



Australian Government

Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. DCON/08/18

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO ROLL-OUT AND OPERATE A NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK FOR AUSTRALIA

CLARIFICATION NUMBER 10

QUESTION: *Will the Commonwealth accept a Proposal which is not based on either a Fibre-to-the-Node (FTTN) or Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) solution?*

ANSWER: Clause 1.3.1.5 of the National Broadband Network (NBN) Request for Proposals (RFP) states that the Commonwealth has an objective to establish a national broadband network that uses FTTN or FTTP network architecture.

Clause 1.4.1 of the RFP states that Proponents will be evaluated against “the extent to which the Proposal meets the Commonwealth’s objectives for the NBN project (as set out in clause 1.3)”. Therefore, the extent to which the proposed network uses FTTN or FTTP network architecture would be considered, in evaluating a Proposal.