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Mr Gregory Watts  
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**National Broadband Network rollout in Northern Illawarra**

Dear Mr Watts

I refer to a letter of 8 October 2015, to the Minister for Communications, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, from Gareth Ward MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier of NSW for the Illawarra and South Coast, making representations on your behalf regarding rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN) to the 2508 postcode in Northern Illawarra. Mr Ward has requested that you be provided with a direct response.

The Australian Government has committed to ensuring that Australia's new broadband network will be made available to every Australian family and business by 2020. The southern parts of Northern Illawarra including Wombarra, Coledale, Austinmer and Thirroul are already in the network build preparation phase with build expected to commence by the end of this year.

On 16 October 2015, NBN Co released an indicative three-year network rollout plan including Coalcliff, Helensburgh, Lilyvale, Otford, Stanwell Park and Stanwell Tops. Build is expected to commence in these areas in the second half of 2017. Further information on the rollout plan is available at [www.nbnco.com.au/learn-about-the-nbn/three-year-construction-plan.html](http://www.nbnco.com.au/learn-about-the-nbn/three-year-construction-plan.html).

I have copied this letter to Gareth Ward MP for his information.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Chief of Staff

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