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Department of Communications and the Arts

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Mr David Cooper

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Dear Mr Cooper

**Freedom of Information Request No. 39-1516**

I refer to your correspondence dated 31 March 2016, received by the Department of Communications and the Arts (the Department) on that same day, in which you requested access under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (C'th) (the FOI Act) to:

*“the latest updated version of the following:*

- Department of Communications National/State/Territory brief on planned rollout of NBN multi technology mix*
- Department of Communications brief on rollout progress by Electorate.”*

Your request covers documents that contain information about the business affairs of an organisation. Accordingly, the Department will need to consult with that organisation in accordance with section 27 of the FOI Act concerning the release of documents containing information about that party's business affairs.

While subsection 15(5) of the FOI Act sets a 30-day time limit (from the date a request is received) for a decision on access to documents, subsection 15(6) provides a 30-day extension for the consultation process. Accordingly, as the authorised decision-maker, I have decided that such an extension is appropriate in this case and have extended the time limit by a period of 30 days to enable the third party consultation outlined above to occur. The Department now has until Monday, 30 May 2016 to notify you of its decision on access to the documents.

Please email: [foi@communications.gov.au](mailto:foi@communications.gov.au) or call (02) 6271 1000 if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Laria".

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