



PRESS RELEASE

I am stunned.

I read - with a combination of disgust and disbelief - an article on the front page of this morning's **The Australian**.

Apparently, an "independent" investigation by former Productivity Commission head Bill Scales has described the government's decision to establish NBN Co as "**rushed, chaotic and inadequate**".

Moreover, Mr. Scales concludes that "The government decided to roll out one of Australia's largest ever public infrastructure projects **without a business case or a cost-benefit analysis, without clear operating instructions, within a legislative and regulatory framework still undefined, with the key strategic and business relationship with Telstra ignored or unresolved and without any prior consultation with the Australian community, and perfunctory involvement by the cabinet.**"

Why does Mr. Scales dwell on the negative? I notice there was no mention of our launch materials (the scheme's logo was nominated for a design award) or the excellent TV commercial that accompanied the NBN's announcement. And, while there have been some delays, I can assure everyone that our new website is now up and running.

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