

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1201**  
**Asked on 15 September 2009**

MR RYAN asked the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)-

**QUESTION:**

How is the State Government ensuring that Queenslanders benefit from the Federal Government's \$43 billion national broadband network rollout?

**ANSWER:**

In May 2009, the Broadband Development Office was established in the Department of Public Works to:

- maximise the benefit of the National Broadband Network (NBN) to Queenslanders
- develop a proposition to attract the head office of the NBN Company to Brisbane
- be the central point of contact for the NBN across the Queensland Government.

Through the Broadband Development Office, the Government has strengthened its relationships with businesses, industries, academia, community organisations, and the general public; and their engagement with the development of the NBN.

On 5 August 2009, the Queensland Proposition for establishing the NBN Company head office in Brisbane was presented to the Executive Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the NBN Company and to the Office of the Prime Minister on behalf of the Premier and Minister for the Arts.

The Proposition highlights the State's skills, knowledge, expertise and resources that could be harnessed in the national interest to assist the NBN Company if it is established in Brisbane.

The Premier and Minister for the Arts, in her address to the Australian Information Industry Association on 9 September 2009, announced the Queensland Government's commitment to facilitate the fast and efficient roll-out of the NBN in Queensland through the Department of Public Works, working together with the NBN Company.

The Department of Public Works is working collaboratively with government agencies and the NBN company to determine the best ways to efficiently and effectively roll out the NBN in Queensland.