



**Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the Joint  
Standing Committee on the National Capital  
and External Territories interim report:  
Availability and access to enabling  
communications infrastructure in Australia's  
external territories

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## Overview

The interim report on the Availability and Access to Enabling Communications Infrastructure in Australia's External Territories was tabled by the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories (the Committee) on 28 February 2022. The Government's responses to the Report's recommendations is below.

## Australian Government response

The Australian Government's response to the interim report on the *Availability and Access to Enabling Communications Infrastructure in Australia's External Territories* is set out in detail below.

### Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends that early in the 47<sup>th</sup> Parliament, a new Inquiry be referred to this Committee with terms of reference that are similar or comparable to the 'Inquiry into the availability and access to enabling communications infrastructure in Australia's external territories'.

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.