



MEDIA RELEASE

SENATOR THE HON NICK MINCHIN

Shadow Minister for Broadband, Communications
and the Digital Economy

Wednesday, 8 April 2009

CONROY'S CONTEMPT FOR TAXPAYERS AND THE SENATE

Shadow Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Senator Nick Minchin described the decision by Senator Conroy to not publicly release the report of his NBN expert panel and also the report of the ACCC on regulatory issues as a display of utter contempt and arrogance.

"The NBN tender process has collapsed and it is now time Senator Conroy finally lifted the veil of secrecy, which would be an appropriate end-note to this embarrassing and costly misadventure.

"I remind Senator Conroy of his obligation to comply with the order and will of the Senate, which passed a clear and concise motion to release these reports in full the day after the conclusion of the tender process," Senator Minchin said.

"In fact Senator Conroy actually welcomed this motion and now the Australian public would welcome some transparency from him.

"Senator Conroy obviously has things to hide, he says he followed the advice of his experts panel, it is now time for him to prove it. Australian taxpayers were forced to contribute around \$20 million to the running of this tender, they are now entitled to see what their money paid for. This is a further abuse of his position and is symbolic of the appalling way he has handled this process from the very beginning," Senator Minchin.

Further information: Cameron Hill on 0408 239 521

09 04 08 0007



A service of
CAPITAL MONITOR
(02) 6273 4882
Caution
Scanned document
May contain sensitive information

Contact: Cameron Hill Office of Senator Minchin 026 277 3004
0408 239 521