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ISDN Broadband must be maintained

The NSW Farmers' Association says the Federal Government must insist on Telstra maintaining ISDN broadband services until there is an appropriate replacement service available that does not represent a step backwards in service.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says ISDN internet provides a reliable and affordable service to many Australians, particularly in regional areas.

"Telstra currently plans to withdraw ISDN at the end of the year, forcing rural Australian's onto Next G Broadband," Mr Laurie said.

"Annual Conference has agreed that Telstra should not close ISDN in areas where adequate and comparable replacements are not available," he said.

The Association has contributed to a number of telecommunications inquiries in recent months where this issue has been outlined, including the NSW Standing Committee on Broadband in Rural and Regional Communities, the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee and the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, regarding Broadband Solutions for Remote Areas.

"Our position on this is clear, and we will be putting forward our policy very strongly," Mr Laurie said.

"It's important that rural businesses and communities have access to an affordable and reliable internet service," Mr Laurie concluded.

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