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Use broadband guarantee

The NSW Farmers' Association is reminding farmers that all people in NSW have access to metro-comparable broadband internet, either via a commercial provider or via a subsidy under the Australian Broadband Guarantee (ABG).

NSW Farmers' Association Rural Affairs Committee Chair Alan Brown says many people in NSW are not taking up the opportunities available under the 'ABG'.

"The broadband guarantee was set up last year by the Federal Government so that all rural and regional residents can access broadband services including wireless and satellite from a range of potential providers," Mr Brown said.

"We are concerned that farmers may be unaware that many regions now have a choice of Internet Service Providers (ISP's), and that they should seek to gain information on the ISP's in their area and the plans that they offer before signing on to a new contract," he said.

The guarantee covers residences and small businesses where no metro-comparable broadband service is available, such as a service with similar speed, data and price to something that would be widely available in the capital cities.

A metro-comparable broadband service is a minimum 512/128kbps data speed, 1GB per month data usage and the guarantee covers a total cost, over three years, including installation and connection fees of \$2500 GST inclusive.

"Broadband internet is an essential tool for our Members, and ensuring they have access to metro-comparable internet services is a priority of the Association," Mr Brown concluded.

Farmers can get information regarding broadband internet options at www.nswfarmers.org.au.

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