



## National and local telecommunications priorities and policies

### Have your say!

Internet Society of Australia (ISOC-AU) representatives will be in Ballarat during the 2008 Innovation Festival to gather information on local, regional and national telecommunications priorities needs and options.

### Businesses, organisations, telecommunications consumers and providers

Join in discussions focused on current and future broadband needs. Assist in identifying current barriers to technology adoption. Share your ideas about future requirements. Inform the direction of broadband policy. Tony Hill, President of ISOC-AU will facilitate discussion based on the following topics.

#### Is fibre the future? 10.00 – 11.30 am

The Panel will be made up of representatives from Telstra Countrywide, Neighbourhood Cable, Lateral Plains and the City of Ballarat.

- :: What broadband infrastructure is available now?
- :: What else is coming?
- :: What's working well and what's not?
- :: Is current policy acting as a facilitator or barrier?

#### What is the broadband opportunity? 12.30 – 2.00 pm

The Panel will be made up of education, health, agriculture and business representatives.

- :: What opportunities can be unlocked with greater broadband access?
- :: Why should broadband access be a priority in regional Australia?
- :: What are the niche opportunities for online service adoption?
- :: What are the policy implications?



#### :: Date

Monday  
19 May 2008

#### :: Where

Oscars Hotel & Café Bar  
18 Doveton Street South  
Ballarat

#### :: Morning session

10.00 am – 11.30 am

#### :: Catering

Morning and afternoon tea plus a light lunch for those attending both sessions

#### :: Afternoon session

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

#### :: RSVP

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#### :: Cost

Free event

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