

COMMSDAY

# Regional & Remote Forum



QT Canberra, 25-26 February 2025

CommsDay is pleased to announce its inaugural Regional and Remote Forum, taking place in Canberra's QT Hotel on 25 and 26 February 2025.

MC: Michelle Lim



Our new forum is geared at helping government and industry understand the challenges in providing ubiquitous connectivity across Australia's seven million square kilometres. Its objective is to showcase the technologies, the investments and the policies that can meet these challenges.

## AGENDA DAY 1

**From 9am:** NBN Co, BAI, Vocus  
**From 11am:** MarchNet, Amplitel, Telstra, Pivotel  
**From 2pm:** Ciena, ACMA, AMTA, TPG, Indara, NSW Government, ACCAN, Leading Edge Data Centres, Shadow communications minister

## AGENDA DAY 2

**From 9am:** Communications Minister, First Nations Digital Advisory Group, Regional Telecoms Review, Department of Communications  
**From 11am:** NSW Telco Authority, Comms Alliance, Skylo, Optus, OneWiFi  
**From 2pm:** WISPAU, BRRR, USO Panel, Lightning talks

## Plus an EXHIBITION & COCKTAILS



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# Agenda

## DAY ONE FEBRUARY 25

### OPENING KEYNOTES

9.00am NBN Co chief development officer, regional and remote Gavin Williams

9.25am NBN Co chief customer officer Anna Perrin

9.40am Vocus general manager, government and strategic projects Michael Ackland

10.05am BAI Communications chief commercial officer Elyssa Rollinson

10.30am Morning tea sponsored by Indara

11.10am MarchNet group COO Shane Bennett

11.35am Amplitel CEO Jon Lipton

12.00pm Fireside chat with Telstra featuring Telstra InfraCo executive, customer success & sales, Dino Georgiou; Telstra Sustainability, external affairs and legal executive sustainability, policy and engagement, Justine Rowe, and Telstra Global Networks and Technology executive investment planning, Hannah Chong

12.25pm Pivotal sales director Darren Cooley

12.50pm Lunch sponsored by Pivotal

1.40pm Telco Together CEO Renee Bowker

1.50pm Ciena speaker TBC

2.10pm Australian Communications and Media Authority member Adam Suckling

2.30pm Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association CEO Louise Hyland

2.50pm TPG speaker TBC

3.10pm Indara executive director, property and customer engagement Jason Horley

3.30pm Afternoon tea sponsored by Indara

3.50pm NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development group director, strategic projects and service delivery Peter Adams

4.10pm Australian Communications Consumer Action Network CEO Carol Wilson

4.30pm Leading Edge Data Centres CEO and founder Chris Thorpe

4.40pm CLOSING KEYNOTE: Shadow communications minister David Coleman

5.05 Cocktails

Location: QT Lounge on Level 15

6.30 CLOSE



## DAY TWO FEBRUARY 26

### OPENING KEYNOTES

9.00am Communications Minister Michelle Rowland

9.25am First Nations Digital Advisory Group co-chairs Dot West (OAM) and Associate Professor Lyndon Ormond-Parker

9.50am Regional Telecommunications Review chair Alannah MacTiernan

10.15am Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts first assistant secretary, communications services and consumer division Sam Grunhard

10.40 Morning tea sponsored by Indara

11.10 NSW Telco Authority managing director Kylie de Courteney

11.30 Communications Alliance CEO Luke Coleman and (Satellite Services Working Group) senior manager Mike Johns

11.55 Optus speaker TBC

12.15 OneWiFi managing director Mevan Jayatilleke and telecom economic advisor John de Ridder

12.35 Skylo vice president, global carrier partnerships Paul Hanton

12.50 Vocus head of operations, space and wireless Ashley Neale

1.05 Lunch sponsored by Corning Optical

2.00 Wireless Service Providers Association of Australia president Adrian Robertson

2.20 Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote co-founder Kristy Sparrow

2.40 PANEL SESSION: The future of universal service with panellists including Kristy Sparrow, Luke Coleman, Ashley Neale and NBN chief regulatory officer Jane van Beelen

3.20 LIGHTNING TALKS Regional Tech Hub general manager Jennifer Medway, speakers from IQGEO, Nokia and more

3.45 CLOSE

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