

**Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment
Opening statement by Peter Smyth – 6th December 2018**

Confirmed Attendee:

Peter Smyth

Introduction:

I am happy to accept the Committee's invitation to discuss my review of the procurement process for the State led intervention under the National Broadband Plan.

I can discuss my review and my findings with respect to the implications for the procurement process of the meetings between the former Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, and representatives of the Granahan McCourt consortium.

However, I cannot discuss the on-going procurement process in any detail beyond what is already in the public domain; nor can I discuss any substantive issues relating to the bid submitted which is the subject of ongoing evaluation by the Department's Evaluation Team.