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Communications Alliance Releases VDSL2 Standards for Public Comment

Preparing for next generation broadband services

Sydney, 17 December 2007 – [Communications Alliance](#) today unveiled draft standards for the customer equipment that will be needed for Very High Speed Digital Subscriber Line 2 (VDSL2) - the next generation of broadband technology.

VDSL2 deployment will give businesses and consumers greater ability to use higher bandwidth services such as high definition television, video streaming and interactive gaming over the existing copper telephone network. VDSL2 can operate at speeds more than 10 times faster than the ADSL technology most commonly used in Australian broadband services today.

The draft standards released by Communications Alliance are designed to ensure suppliers can provide customer equipment (eg broadband modems, PBX systems etc) that will be compatible with the new VDSL2 services when they become available in Australia.

For instance, customers could buy broadband modems suitable for their existing ADSL services and not need to replace them when upgrading to VDSL2 in the future.

The draft standards have been developed by a Communications Alliance Working Committee of technical experts representing a cross-section of the industry and are aligned with international recommendations as well as local requirements.

Those wishing to view the draft standards or make comments can do so via the following web link: http://www.commsalliance.com.au/documents/public_comment

The period for public comment closes on 25 February 2008.

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About Communications Alliance

Communications Alliance was formed in 2006 to provide a unified voice for the Australian communications industry and to lead it into the next generation of converging networks, technologies and services.



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