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New members for the Australian Broadband Advisory Council

The Morrison Government has today announced two new appointees to the Australian Broadband Advisory Council.

Dr Bronwyn Evans, current CEO of Engineers Australia and Chair of the Building 4.0 Cooperative Research Centre, and Mr Vince Pizzica, who has extensive senior level experience in the media and telecommunications industries across several continents, have been appointed to the role for the next year.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the knowledge and expertise of Dr Evans and Mr Pizzica would be of great value to the Council in providing advice to the Government on broadband connectivity.

"The Council provides important advice on how we can maximise the economic and social benefits from the widespread adoption of high-speed digital networks, including through increased take up and use of the NBN and 5G," Minister Fletcher said.

"In today's world, connectivity is essential to doing business, keeping in touch with loved ones, taking advantage of government services, and much more. The Council's first report, published in November last year, showed the importance of the NBN through the COVID-19 period in giving Australians the high-speed connectivity they needed to continue to work and learn.

"Dr Evans's background in the construction sector will be useful as the Council continues its exploration of the barriers and opportunities for connectivity in that sector, while Mr Pizzica's experience in creative industries will support the Council's work on how connectivity can support innovation and growth in these industries."

Mr Fletcher also thanked Mr Jan Müller for his important contribution during his time on the Council.

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