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Greater clarity around NBN rollout information

Detailed data and updated website maps open up Australia's largest infrastructure project to more transparency

The company overseeing the delivery of the National Broadband Network today begins publishing a weekly report charting the progress of the rollout. Previously the company published quarterly updates.

A table containing the information will be posted each week on the NBN Co website at <u>www.nbnco.com.au/about-us/weekly-progress-report.html</u>. The data is correct as at the Sunday of the week preceding its release.

The information also distinguishes for the first time between those premises passed by fibre that are able to connect to the NBN and those that are not yet able to obtain a service (typically because they are located in a multi dwelling unit, such as an apartment building or shopping mall).

The company is also today updating the rollout maps on the NBN Co website to provide residents with clarity around those areas where (a) the physical building of the NBN has started or (b) is about to start (c) as well as locations where services are already available.

The rollout of the fixed-line network is underway for approximately 300,000 homes and businesses in built-up areas ("brownfields").

The maps will be updated when further areas enter the building stage and the shape of the rollout becomes clearer following the completion of the Strategic Review into the NBN.

NBN Co executive chairman, Dr. Ziggy Switkowski, said:

"The publication of the weekly metrics and clearer maps is a first step in providing for increased scrutiny and transparency of NBN Co and its activities."

According to the information for the week ending Sunday 27 October:

- 107,230 premises are using the NBN across the fibre, fixed wireless and interim satellite networks;
- Of this total, 40,441 are receiving the NBN via fibre to the premises in brownfields communities with a further 21,801 fibre users in new developments (or "greenfields" estates). In addition there are 41,482 satellite users and 3506 fixed wireless users.
- In the brownfields fibre footprint specifically, 229,398 premises are passed by the fibre optic cable. Of these, 158,712 premises or 69% are currently able to order an NBN service.

The metrics also allow people to gauge the recent performance of the NBN with the inclusion of data dating back to the commencement of the financial year.

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Variations in data week to week can result from the validation of address data. Other factors that have impacted the build include mobilisation issues and the recent halt to work on pit and pipe infrastructure while a review of asbestos maintenance and handling procedures was carried out.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- NBN Co is committed to fulfilling the Commonwealth's policy goal of ensuring all Australians have access to very fast broadband as soon, cost-effectively and affordably as possible.
- The requirement to carry out the Strategic Review is contained in the Government's Interim Statement of Expectations to NBN Co.
- The Interim Statement of Expectations directs the company to continue to roll out fibre to the premises while the Strategic Review is underway. It also gives NBN Co the flexibility to use a wider range of technologies to connect homes and businesses to the National Broadband Network.
- Variations in number from week to week reflect the modular construction program. The construction
 program is completed in blocks, so variations may occur. Following completion of the construction
 process passing premises in the streets, further validation of address data is undertaken of the 'as-built'
 network against estimated obtained from national address data. There may be some fluctuation in
 numbers from week to week as a result.

	Brownfields				New Developments (Greenfields)		Satellite	Wireless		Totals	
Week ending Day/month 2013	Premises Passed (A)	Premises serviceable ¹ (B)	Premises at Service Class Zero (SCO) C=(A-B)	Premises Activated (D)	Lots/ Premises Passed (E)	Premises Activated (F)	Premises activated (G)	Premises Covered (H)	Premises activated (I)	Lots/ Premises Passed/ Covered ² (A+E+H)	Premises activated (D+F+G+I)
27-Oct-13	229,398	158,712	70,686	40,441	66,551	21,801	41,482	46,714	3,506	342,663	107,230
20-Oct-13	227,741	157,199	70,542	39,059	65,495	21,199	41,273	46,345	3,279	339,581	104,810
13-Oct-13	227,447	155,887	71,560	37,550	64,893	20,623	40,849	45,974	3,096	338,314	102,118
06-Oct-13	227,454	154,901	72,553	36,294	63,772	20,151	40,735	45,097	2,935	336,323	100,115
29-Sep-13	227,483	153,977	73,506	35,200	63,547	19,758	40,536	44,948	2,788	335,978	98,282
22-Sep-13	213,005	145,515	67,490	33,575	58,565	19,069	39,315	40,226	2,627	311,796	94,586
15-Sep-13	209,916	143,812	66,104	32,357	56,213	18,604	39,315	39,840	2,554	305,969	92,830
08-Sep-13	206,214	142,183	64,031	31,075	54,783	18,157	38,878	39,192	2,428	300,189	90,538
01-Sep-13	204,998	141,167	63,831	29,737	53,131	17,625	38,537	38,734	2,336	296,863	88,235
25-Aug-13	199,008	135,972	63,036	28,625	51,796	17,128	38,077	35,033	2,242	285,837	86,072
18-Aug-13	194,079	132,336	61,743	27,547	50,926	16,625	37,635	31,556	2,171	276,561	83,978
11-Aug-13	190,009	130,172	59,837	26,370	49,971	16,125	37,206	31,106	2,121	271,086	81,822
04-Aug-13	184,843	124,214	60,629	25,288	47,983	15,564	36,693	30,842	2,057	263,668	79,602
28-Jul-13	181,383	121,290	60,093	24,225	46,869	15,049	36,248	30,558	1,998	258,810	77,520
21-Jul-13	178,632	119,460	59,172	23,189	46,464	14,604	35,847	30,149	1,967	255,245	75,607
14-Jul-13	174,368	116,392	57,976	22,215	45,268	14,091	35,385	30,059	1,937	249,695	73,628
07-Jul-13	168,733	112,143	56,590	21,233	44,603	13,610	34,966	27,402	1,883	240,738	71,692
As at 30 June 2011	10,575	10,575	n/a	620	n/a	n/a	166	n/a	n/a	10,575	786
As at 30 June 2012	28,860	28,860	n/a	3,364	4,163	503	9,578	8,885	91	41,908	13,536
As at 30 June 2013	163,515	107,791	55,724	20,441	44,028	13,145	34,640	27,256	1,874	234,799	70,100

¹ Excluding Service Class 0 (SCO) ² Including Service Class 0, excluding satellite

Premises passed refers to homes and businesses passed by the active network, including premises activated and those which can't yet access a service (i.e. Service Class Zero or SCO).

Lots/Premises passed are included in the New Developments measure because the network in Greenfield areas often passes empty lots where premises are yet to be built .

Premises covered refers to fixed wireless areas where no physical infrastructure passes the premises, but residents and businesses have fixed wireless coverage and can access a service via their preferred retail service provider.

Lots/Premises passed/covered is the combined total for fixed-line technology in Brownfields and New Developments plus, fixed wireless premises which are covered by the network, excluding satellite but including Service Class 0.

Premises activated refers to homes and business which have an active service installed.

Service Class Zero refers to premises passed by the active network, but for which a service cannot currently be ordered from a telephone or internet service provider because additional work is required, for example because there is cabling required for an apartment block.

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