

Media release

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NBN rollout gains momentum across Australia

An additional 44,709 homes and businesses in 26 regions across Australia are set to receive fast broadband.

The latest construction maps show the National Broadband Network (NBN) will be rolled out using fibre and fixed wireless technologies across parts of the following regions and communities:

NSW	QLD	VIC	WA	SA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Sydney Central Coast Mid-North Coast Northern Rivers Central NSW New England Riverina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunshine Coast Mackay Region Darling Downs North Queensland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Melbourne Bacchus Marsh North-East VIC South-West VIC Western VIC Wimmera South-East Gippsland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Perth Wheatbelt Great-Southern Region South-West WA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Adelaide Riverland Murraylands

This continues the momentum of the NBN rollout across the country, with over 199,067 home and business owners already connected to the network.*

NBN Co spokesperson Lalla Mackenzie, said:

“Thousands more families and businesses are now a step closer to receiving fast, affordable and reliable broadband.

“The NBN can open up opportunities for families and business owners to better participate in the digital economy. Fast broadband can help deliver improved access to e-health resources, online education, teleworking opportunities and entertainment on demand.**

“For many farms, homes and businesses in rural and regional areas, the rollout of the NBN will provide access to internet speeds and bandwidth that many in the big cities take for granted.”

Today’s announcement follows the news of an additional 167,000 homes and businesses which were added to the ‘build preparation’ phase of NBN Co’s rollout maps earlier this month. Build preparation takes place after the commencement of design phase (preparation of maps, surveying and rodding and roping) and ahead of the physical build (build commenced).

The detailed maps showing the areas to be covered by the network are available at: www.nbnco.com.au/rollout/rollout-map.***

On average it takes around 12 months from the start of construction until residents and business owners can access services over the NBN from phone and internet providers. A list of service providers can be found at www.nbnco.com.au/serviceproviders.

Media materials:

Supporting video, audio and image files can be downloaded from the below link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wq6wyht7mi0wwi4/gnv4BCfWW1>

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Notes to editors:

- Legend:
 - Fixed Wireless = FW
 - Fixed Line = F

NSW:

Region	Areas	Premises
Greater Sydney	Lalor Park (F), Kings Park (F)	2,600
Central Coast	The Entrance (F), Blue Bay (F)	2,400
Mid-North Coast	Boambee (surrounds) (FW)	116
Northern Rivers	Alstonville North (surrounds) (FW), Knockrow (FW), Newrybar (FW), Goolmangar (FW)	809
Central NSW	Eugowra (FW), Yarrowonga (FW), Oberon (surrounds) (FW), Coolah (FW)	850
New England	Tingha (FW), Bundarra (FW)	604
Riverina	West Wyalong (surrounds) (FW), Coolamon (surrounds) (FW), Uranquinty (FW), Weedallion (FW), Murringo (FW), Gerogery (FW), Tumbarumba (surrounds) (FW)	1317
Total		8,696

QLD:

Region	Areas	Premises
Sunshine Coast	Doonan West (surrounds) (FW), Tinbeerwah (surrounds) (FW), Yandina (surrounds) (FW), Eumundi West (surrounds) (FW), Coolabine (FW)	1,255
Mackay	Paget (F), Bakers Creek (F), West Mackay (F), Ooralea (F)	4,800
Darling Downs	Kearneys Spring (F), Darling Heights (F), Maryvale (FW)	2,556
North Queensland	Mundingburra (F), Rosslea (F), Hermit Park (F), Ingham (surrounds) (FW), Bemerside (FW), Millaa Millaa (FW), Nome (FW), Jensen (surrounds) (FW)	2,800
Total		11,411

VIC:

Region	Areas	Premises
Greater Melbourne	Carlton (F), Cranbourne (F), Cranbourne West (F)	7,600
Bacchus Marsh	Darley (F)	2,400
North-East VIC	Wandiligong (FW)	193
South-West VIC	Peterborough (FW)	220

Western VIC	Pomonal (FW), Ararat (surrounds) (FW)	356
Wimmera	Murtoa (FW)	455
South-East Gippsland	McLoughlins Beach (FW)	124
Total		11,348

SA:

Region	Suburb/s	Premises
Greater Adelaide	Prospect (F), Dudley Park (F), Moana (F), Seaford Rise (F), Maslin Beach (F)	5000
Riverland	Glossop (FW), Loxton (surrounds) (FW)	856
Murraylands	Mannum (surrounds) (FW)	379
Total		6,235

WA:

Region	Areas	Premises
Greater Perth	Kewdale (F), Lathlain (F), Carlisle (F), Applecross (F), Mount Pleasant (F)	5,500
Wheatbelt	Beverley (surrounds) (FW)	224
Great-Southern Region	Mount Barker (surrounds) (FW), Kojonup (surrounds) (FW)	521
South-West WA	Bridgetown South (surrounds) (FW)	774
Total		7,019

- The interactive rollout map now includes a more detailed colour-coding system to display the three phases of the rollout within a community:

Measure	Definition	Colour code on the NBN map
Build Preparation	Contractors are undertaking pre-construction activities to deliver NBN high speed broadband in this area, which may include readying Telstra's pits and pipes for NBN Co use	Green
Build Commenced	NBN Co has issued contract instructions to its construction partners so they can commence work to deliver NBN high-speed broadband in this area. (Build Commenced boundaries are subject to change during the construction process)	Brown
Service Available	Premises in this area are covered by NBN high-speed broadband and services may be ordered and purchased from a telephone or internet service provider	Purple

- As part of the Statement of Expectations released in April 2014, NBN Co is working to ensure all Australians have access to fast broadband as soon as possible, at affordable prices, and at the least cost to taxpayers. The Statement provides for the NBN to be built in the most cost-effective way using the technology best matched to each area of Australia.
- The rollout maps on the NBN Co website are intended to be an accurate picture of the state of the rollout as it stands today. The maps will be updated as the shape of future rollout becomes clearer.
- People who can order a service from their phone company or internet provider and want to make the switch to the NBN now should search 'getting connected' on the nbnco.com.au website.
- The NBN is replacing most of the traditional landline networks for phone and internet services, including copper and the majority of HFC networks. Services provided over existing fibre networks (including in-building, health and education networks) and some special and business services may not be affected. To find out if your services will be affected, please contact your current phone or internet provider. For more information, visit www.nbnco.com.au/switch or call 1800 687 626. In fixed wireless areas copper phone lines will remain in place to provide a landline telephone service. Before the network equipment is installed for a fixed wireless service, a validation test will be carried out.
- Premises which are unable to be served by fixed wireless may be able to receive NBN Co's long term satellite service when it becomes available. Visit www.nbnco.com.au/satellite for more information.
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* Premises activated as reported in the National Broadband Network Rollout information weekly summary – <http://www.nbnco.com.au/about-us/weekly-progress-report.html>

** Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on some factors outside our control like your equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network.

*** The new rollout maps identify one or more areas where NBN Co has commenced building or intends to build the NBN. From the commencement of work through to when a construction area “goes live”, NBN Co undertakes a series of steps that may result in changes to the design of the network in the respective area, possibly involving the movement of the boundaries. NBN Co may update the map in the future in the event of boundary changes.