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National Broadband Network advances in Taree

More than 2,400 more homes and businesses across areas in Taree are set to receive fast broadband.

The latest construction maps show the National Broadband Network (NBN) will be rolled out across parts of:

- Taree
- Cundletown

This is on top of almost 116,000 home and business owners in New South Wales who are already able to connect to the NBN.

NBN Co spokesperson Darren Rudd said information is already available online about the plans and packages being offered by phone companies and internet providers.

"Today's announcement continues the momentum of the NBN rollout in NSW and means more construction workers will be rolling out the NBN faster to the state.

"People who have already made the switch tell us they enjoy having all the family online at once, making high-quality video calls with fewer drop outs, downloading movies in minutes and streaming TV.**

"All you need to do is call your preferred phone or internet company to prepare to be one of the first to connect to the service when it comes online," Mr Rudd said.

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.

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

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Notes to editors

- As part of the Statement of Expectations released in April 2014, NBN Co is working to ensure all
 Australians have access to very fast broadband as soon as possible, at affordable prices, and at the
 least cost to taxpayers. The Statement allows 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.
- Home and business owners who are scheduled to have their landline phone, ADSL internet and Telstra
 cable internet services disconnected on a particular date will receive letters from NBN Co with details
 about how to switch to the NBN. Services not replaced by the NBN include some TransACT, OptiComm,
 some Telstra Velocity services and others. For a full list please visit www.nbnco.com.au/switchoff or call
 NBN Co on 1800 687 626. Optus cable internet services may also be switched off on a different date
 and existing customers will be advised separately.
- Areas within suburbs will have different switch off dates depending on when the NBN becomes available
 in each area.
- Homes and businesses that have an existing medical or security alarm systems should contact their alarm provider and phone company to enquire about their current system and how it will work over the NBN.

*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.

**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.