

Media Release



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NBN Co signs contract to connect additional flats and units to the NBN

Daly International to connect units in WA, Brisbane and Gold Coast

NBN Co has signed a contract worth up to \$27.7 million with Daly International Pty Ltd to undertake the detailed work of connecting flats and units to the National Broadband Network in Western Australia, Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

The contract is for two years with the option of two one-year extensions.

This follows the announcement in December that Downer EDI has been signed to connect multi-dwelling units (MDUs) in NSW, Victoria and the ACT, with Universal Communications Group Limited to provide connections in Tasmania and Sydney.

Daly International is an infrastructure deployment and project delivery group with operations that span Australia and the United Kingdom, involving projects for clients in the telecommunications, power, water and gas sectors.

Under the contract, Daly International will provide project development services, including notifications to residents and owners' corporations, survey, design and construction services.

NBN Co Chief Operations Officer Ralph Steffens said: "We're pleased to have signed another partner to assist in the proactive approach we are taking to the rollout to apartments in terms of engagement with residents and the construction task.

"The rollout to MDUs requires special attention because of the variety of buildings we need to design and build for, and because we need to engage with owners of existing buildings in order to undertake survey and installation activities.

"The job of contacting owners' corporations is being made easier by an agreement reached with Strata Community Australia (SCA) which is helping us obtain relevant contact details. Representing over 2500 companies and individuals, SCA has set up a site allowing members and non-members to register for each building scheduled for installation via a secure online site," Mr Steffens said.

The National Broadband Network aims to deliver fast, affordable and reliable broadband to every Australian by 2021.

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Notes to Editors

- The design and construction services cover the rollout of fibre, typically from the local network in the street to the outside of each individual unit in brownfield areas.
 - Residents will need to order a service from their service provider to trigger the installation of the network terminating device inside their unit.
- The Government's objective is for NBN Co to rollout fibre optic broadband, designed to offer its Retail Service Provider customers wholesale download speeds of up to 100 megabits per second*, to 93 per cent of Australian premises by June 2021, with a minimum fibre obligation of 90 per cent of Australian premises.
- The remaining premises are expected to receive high-speed broadband via fixed-wireless or satellite, with the rollout of both services expected to be complete by 2015.
- NBN Co is a wholesale company, and those wishing to switch their phone and internet to services provided over the National Broadband Network need to speak to their telephone or internet service provider. These are listed at www.nbnco.com.au/serviceproviders
- For more information visit www.nbnco.com.au

*NBN Co is designing the NBN to be capable of delivering these speeds to NBN Co's wholesale customers (telephone and internet service providers). Speeds actually achieved by retail customers (end users) will depend on a number of factors including the quality of their equipment and in-premises connection, the broadband plans offered by their service provider and how their service provider designs its network to cater for multiple end users