



## Media Release

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### NBN Co adds to construction capacity in Queensland and Victoria

NBN Co has awarded Downer EDI Limited (Downer) a two-year contract to roll out fibre optic broadband in an area covering approximately 300,000 premises in Brisbane and Melbourne.

The contracts will see Downer design and construct the local and distribution network that runs fibre from a local communications exchange (fibre access node or FAN) through each street in a coverage area.

Up to 500 people will be working on the contracts at peak.

Downer has already been contracted by NBN Co to roll out the network in Northern New South Wales. It has further contracts to connect multi dwelling units such as blocks of flats and office blocks to the NBN in Victoria and NSW ("MDUs") and to connect the fibre from the street to individual premises in northern NSW ("build drops").

Downer is now the third major contractor rolling out fibre in both Queensland (Downer, Silcar, Visionstream) and Victoria (Downer, Transfield, Visionstream).

NBN Co aims to deliver infrastructure for fast, reliable and affordable broadband to every Australian family and business by 2021. Up to 93 per cent are to receive a fibre optic connection, with satellite and fixed wireless to be delivered to rural and remote areas.

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