



Media Release

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Outskirts of Darwin now able to connect to high speed broadband

NBN Co today announced the fixed wireless rollout in the Northern Territory is complete and homes and businesses across eight areas can now sign up and connect to high-speed broadband.

Fixed wireless is now live in parts of Berry Springs, Darwin River, Fly Creek North, Lambells Lagoon, Livingstone South, Noonamah East, Southport and Wagait Beach.

NBN's fixed wireless network is designed to offer wholesale speeds of up to 12Mbps for downloads and 1Mbps for uploads, with plans to increase these speeds to 25Mbps for downloads and 5Mbps for uploads from June 2013.

"Today's announcement is tremendous news for people living in these areas, many of which have little or no access to high-speed broadband, or those confined to a limited service, such as dial-up or broadband over the mobile network," General Manager for External Relations, Trent Williams said today.

"People who connect will enjoy faster speeds, meaning having the family all online at once will be argument free, allowing you to send and receive large emails, participate in video conferencing, stream lectures smoothly and download a movie in minutes or a music album in seconds[^].

"These are just some of the benefits that could be enjoyed and for a price less than you'd think. You could even save on fixed phone line rentals by bundling your internet, phone or other services together.

"Over the next few days people living in these areas will soon receive a letter from us which sets out how easy it is to get connected – all you need to do is contact your preferred phone or internet service provider to switch to the NBN.

"So people who switch to the NBN now will soon have access to fast internet at speeds people in the city take for granted[^].

For more information, including a list of phone or internet service providers in your area, visit nbnco.com.au/switch or call us on 1800 687 626.

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Notes to Editors

- NBN Co's fixed wireless and satellite networks serve communities with low population density where it is impractical or uneconomical to rollout fibre optic cable.

- Fixed wireless services are delivered by radio communications via antennae that transmit a signal direct to a small outdoor antenna on a home or business.
- A standard installation of network equipment, including an outdoor antenna and a network termination device will be installed free of charge.
- Before the network equipment is installed, a service validation test will be carried out. Those premises unable to be serviced by fixed wireless will receive NBN Co's Long Term Satellite Service.
- In fixed wireless areas, copper phone lines will remain in place to provide a telephone service.
- Unlike a mobile wireless service, where speeds can be affected by the number of people moving into and out of the area, NBN Co's fixed wireless network is engineered to deliver services to a fixed number of premises within a coverage area.
- As NBN Co doesn't sell directly to the public, it's important that you contact your preferred service provider to find the right package for you. They will be able to talk to you about any particular offers and help make your switch to the NBN an easy one.

[^] We're designing the NBN to provide high speeds to our wholesale customers, telephone and internet service providers. Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on some factors outside our control including the quality of your equipment and in-premises connection, the broadband plans offered by your service provider and how your service provider designs its network to cater for multiple end users.

[#] In fixed wireless areas, NBN Co will be providing a broadband service only. The copper phone line will remain in place to provide a telephone service, however internet service providers that sell the NBN Co fixed wireless service may choose to offer their customers voice-over-broadband products in those areas as an alternative to telephone services over the copper phone line.