

Media release

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Telco industry onboard with NBN Co's new Wholesale Broadband Agreement

NBN Co advises that 27 NBN Co wholesale customers, including Telstra and Optus, have signed the new Wholesale Broadband Agreement (WBA).

The new WBA will be fully operational from 1 March 2014.

NBN Co's Head of Regulatory Affairs and Industry Analysis, Caroline Lovell said, "The new WBA was achieved after two years of engagement with industry to develop terms of supply of NBN Co fibre-to-the-premises and wireless based services, and follows the ACCC's acceptance of NBN Co's Special Access Undertaking.

"Significant progress has been made in the development and execution of NBN Co's new supply arrangements and NBN Co thanks customers for their engagement in relation to the new WBA."

The new WBA includes a range of enhancements for access seekers, as well as greater clarity and consistency.

NBN Co will continue to engage with industry in 2014 as we implement the new WBA and work to further develop its terms in light of ongoing operational experience. NBN Co also looks forward to working with industry to develop supply terms that may be required for the delivery of services using additional technology.

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Notes to editors

- The acceptance by the ACCC of NBN Co's Special Access Undertaking specifies NBN Co's key commitments in relation to the services it supplies to retail telecommunications companies for the next 27 years
- NBN Co lodged the varied SAU on 19 November 2013. The ACCC accepted the SAU on 13 December 2013. The SAU will operate until 2040
- ACCC's announcement accepting the SAU can be found at www.accc.gov.au/media-release/accc-accepts-nbn-co-special-access-undertaking
- The Wholesale Broadband Agreement can be found at www.nbnco.com.au/industry/service-providers/agreements/wba2.html
- NBN Co is tasked with fulfilling the Commonwealth's policy goal of ensuring all Australians have access to very fast broadband as soon, cost-effectively and affordably as possible. For more information, visit www.nbnco.com.au