



# Media release

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## nbn: 2 million activations and counting

Retailers are signing Australians up for fast internet over the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network at the quickest rate ever, with two million homes and businesses now connected and more than 4.5 million premises able to order a retail service over the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network.

The rollout of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> access network sets the scene for the biggest transformation to Australia's telecommunications industry involving retail service provider network upgrades and the establishment of a network to bring fast broadband to all Australians.

With the two millionth premises activated, **nbn** is now one quarter of the way towards its goal of connecting eight million homes and businesses to the national network of broadband services by 2020.

Currently retailers are connecting more than 28,000 end users to fast internet services over the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network each week, up from 12,000 per week this time last year.

The speed of connection offered by Fibre-to-the-Node (FTTN) technology has helped increase activation rates with more than 670,000 premises connected to services over **nbn**'s FTTN and Fibre-to-the-Basement network just 18 months since launch of FTTN.

At the same time the deployment of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network continues to gain pace with retailers able to offer services to more than 4.5 million premises over the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network – up by 1.3 million premises since March last year.

**nbn** expects to reach the halfway point of the network build around the middle of this year and within a further 12 months, it expects to be three quarters of the way towards its 2020 goal.

Millions of people are already enjoying the benefits of fast broadband right across the country, and while any large scale change will present its challenges, **nbn** is working hard with industry retailers and providers to ensure a positive experience for all Australians.

### **nbn Chief Executive Officer Bill Morrow said:**

“In May last year we had one million consumers and business owners connected to services over the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network; now less than 12 months later, we've activated another one million.



“This great achievement is a testament to the hard work of our people and delivery partners building the network at pace. Importantly, the two million activations milestone has been made possible through the support, marketing and customer focus from retail service providers.

“We are proud to be building critical infrastructure that enables nationwide access to fast broadband which supports business opportunities, provides access to leading education and healthcare services, and is changing the way we as Australians work, live and play.”

Head to [www.nbn.com.au](http://www.nbn.com.au) to learn what you need to know before connecting to services over the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network, as well as how to get the best experience out of your internet connection. **nbn** and the retail service providers are working together to bring further improvements to enhance your experience.

### State breakdown

State	Active end users
ACT	43,929
NSW	637,871
NT	45,168
QLD	397,150
SA	144,766
TAS	115,927
VIC	429,227
WA	190,006
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,004,044</b>

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