



Media Release

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800,000 WA premises now in nbn™ rollout plan

nbn announces three-year construction plan to 2018

Around 800,000 West Australian homes and businesses are in the latest **nbn™** rollout plan, taking the total number of WA premises scheduled to be in construction or completed by September 2018 to 970,000.

Communities in Western Australia added to the plan include Baldivis, Wanneroo, Joondalup, Midland, and Girrawheen in the Perth metropolitan area; Port Hedland, Newman and Dampier in the Pilbara; Albany in the Great Southern Region; Kellerberrin and Merredin in the Wheatbelt; and Carnarvon and Exmouth in the Midwest Gascoyne.

For the first time, the new plan includes areas covered by Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC), which utilises existing cable TV network cables as one of the key technologies making up Australia's multi-technology broadband network.

Over the next three years, **nbn** is planning to reach 9.5 million premises across the country where work on the construction of the **nbn™** network is either underway or complete.

In WA, this means more than three quarters of the fixed line footprint in the state is expected to be completed or in build by September 2018.

Approximately 114,000 premises in WA are already able to connect to fast broadband services over the **nbn™** network now.

nbn™ Corporate Affairs Manager for WA, Philippa Perry said:

"This is exciting news for the residents in the West Australian suburbs, regions and towns added to our construction schedule who have been keen for some time now to get an indicative timeframe for when the **nbn™** network is expected to be rolled out in their area. It means that connection to the **nbn™** network is a step closer, with work in these areas expected to be underway or complete by September 2018.

"The expansion of the rollout of the **nbn™** network reflects the company's flexible broadband technology approach and is an important step in its goal of connecting eight million homes and businesses to the **nbn™** network nationally by 2020.



“Access to fast broadband will help provide a range of benefits for homes and businesses such as improved opportunities to work from home, better access to online education tools and more options for on-demand entertainment.”*

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Notes to editors

- This data in this plan is at 01 September 2015. At that time, there were approximately 1.3 million premises ready for service, and 700,000 premises in build. Added to the 7.5 million premises in this plan, this brings the total number of premises to be either ready for service or in build by September 2018 to almost 9.5 million.
- The full list of communities where construction on the rollout of the **nbn**TM network is scheduled to begin before September 2018 can be viewed at www.nbnco.com.au/3yearplan.
- Communities can also check the progress of the rollout of the **nbn**TM network in their area by typing in their location or postcode into the interactive **nbn**TM network rollout map.
- **nbn** intends to update the Construction Plan regularly.
- The Plan is provided for information purposes and is intended to be a guide only and should not be relied upon as representing **nbn**’s final position on the rollout of the **nbn**TM network.
- The exact number of premises and the regions covered by the Plan may vary once **nbn** has finalised its construction planning.
- The Plan does not include premises that are built, in-build or covered by satellite or new developments.
- The anticipated technology to be deployed in communities may change depending on a number of factors once the construction planning stage has been finalised. Some areas may be serviced by multiple technologies.
- The technology designation for each community will be guided by **nbn**’s [Multi-Technology Deployment Principles](#).

* Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the **nbn**TM network depends on the technology over which services are delivered to your premises and some factors outside our control like your equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network.

