



Media release

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Five million premises can connect to the nbn

Connecting the nation faster than ever as FTTN & HFC rollout ramps up

nbn has reached another significant rollout milestone with five million homes and businesses now able to connect to retail services over the **nbn**[™] network.

nbn is building a new and upgraded, fast wholesale broadband network to enable communities across Australia to access fast broadband from their retail service provider. The company's goal is to provide universal high speed access and connect 8 million homes and businesses by 2020.

The Fibre-to-the-Node (FTTN) and Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC) deployments are driving the increased rollout pace with the two technologies now serving half of the five million premises able to connect to retail services on the **nbn**[™] network.

The **nbn**[™] network is being deployed faster than ever with an average of 250,000 premises made serviceable each month this year so far.

Rollout pace will increase further in the three months from April to June with **nbn** expecting to make another one million premises serviceable in the period as it moves towards its FY17 target of 5.4 million premises ready for service (RFS).

Activations are also increasing with 2.2 million premises now accessing retail services over the **nbn**[™] network, with around 130,000 new premises signing up with retail service providers each month.

Retail services on the **nbn**[™] network are currently available to almost one in two Australians. The network is scheduled to be three quarters built by mid-next year and complete by 2020.

The rollout of the **nbn**[™] 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 of networks to bring fast broadband to all Australians.

While any large scale infrastructure project will present its challenges, **nbn** is working with our partners to provide a positive experience on the **nbn**[™] network for all Australians.



Peter Ryan, Chief Network Engineering Officer at nbn, said:

"nbn is very proud to reach yet another key milestone thanks to the outstanding work and pace set by the team at nbn and our delivery partners.

"nbn continues to demonstrate its rollout momentum with 140,000 services made available to homes and businesses across the country in a single week – the equivalent of lighting up Canberra - with five million homes and businesses in total now able to connect to retail services over the nbn™ network.

"We are building the nbn™ network and activating end users faster than we have ever done before and are currently making over 60,000 premises serviceable each week.

"We have the flexibility and the right technologies in place to design and build the network at the speed and scale needed to reach our end goal by 2020."

Ready for Service - State of the Nation (000)

NSW – 1,572,676

SA – 410,191

QLD – 1,041,981

WA – 513,300

VIC – 1,105,618

NT – 88,645

TAS – 235,452

ACT – 67,209

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Head to www.nbn.com.au to learn what you need to know before connecting to services over the nbn™ network, as well as how to get the best experience out of your internet connection.

To connect to a retail service over the nbn™ network:

1. Head to www.nbn.com.au to check your address to see if the nbn™ network is available in your area
2. View providers in your area and contact your preferred retail service provider to discuss an nbn™ plan that suits your needs
3. Ask your preferred retail service provider about the installation options available to you
4. Order a service over the nbn™ network with your preferred retail service provider and organise installation

For more information, visit www.nbn.com.au