



# Media Release

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## Alice Springs next to begin preparation work

The next stage of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> fast broadband network rollout in the Northern Territory has been announced with Alice Springs next to begin preparation work.

**nbn** today updated its online maps to show areas covering more than 430,000 premises across Australia and 10,900 premises across the Northern Territory where build preparation work has started.

These areas will see some of the first deployments in the Northern Territory of the Multi-Technology Mix (MTM) model, including Fibre to the Node (FTTN).

The use of MTM is expected to save months in construction time and help complete the project sooner and more cost-effectively.

This follows last week's signing of new construction contracts with delivery partners which will continue to construct the **nbn** network across Australia. The new model rewards contractors who demonstrate they can complete construction on time while delivering safety, cost effectiveness and build quality.

The areas that have entered 'build preparation' are now shaded green on the **nbn** maps at [www.nbn.com.au](http://www.nbn.com.au).

These areas signify contractors in cities and towns are carrying out pre-construction activities – for example readying pits and pipes for use by **nbn** – ahead of the physical construction of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network.

Construction continues in many areas of the Northern Territory including with fixed-line technology in Darwin and with fixed wireless and satellite in regional and remote locations.

Further details are available from the rollout maps on the **nbn** website: [www.nbn.com.au](http://www.nbn.com.au)

### Russell Kelly, **nbn** spokesperson said:

"Already an estimated 40 per cent of premises in the Northern Territory can connect to the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network if they wish.

"Once Alice Springs is connected, over 55 per cent of the Territory will be covered."

"The switch on momentum is growing in the Territory as we continue to provide **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network access to new communities and help open up new opportunities for business, education and entertainment."

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