



Media Release

NBN Co updates national construction plan

Work to begin on 550,000 additional homes and businesses by September 2016

Wednesday 1 April -- An additional 550,000 homes and businesses across Australia are being added to the rollout of the National Broadband Network.

The quarterly construction update includes work already underway or in plan to commence before quarter end September 2016 and covers more than 3.1 million Australian homes and businesses.

Communities added to the plan include Noosa on Queensland's Sunshine Coast; Mt Gambier and Whyalla in South Australia; Bendigo and Docklands in Victoria; Bathurst in the NSW Central West and Castle Hill in Sydney's North West; the township of Broome and the Perth suburbs of Hilton and Bassendean in Western Australia.

NBN Co's Chief Executive Officer, Bill Morrow, said:

"The addition of 550,000 homes and businesses to the construction schedule demonstrates the continuing momentum of the nationwide delivery of fast broadband.

"Our job is to ensure that all Australians can have access to fast broadband as soon and as efficiently as possible. Homes and businesses across Australia will benefit from the nationwide upgrade to Australia's broadband infrastructure.

"These quarterly forecasts enable our customers, the telephone and internet service providers, to start planning for the delivery of broadband services to these communities."

Across Australia, more than 870,000 families and businesses are already able to experience fast broadband by connecting to the National Broadband Network.

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Notes to editors:

- The technology each community will receive to connect to the National Broadband Network will be guided by the Multi-Technology Deployment Principles.
- NBN Co's rollout schedule includes all technology in the Multi-Technology-Mix with the exception of the Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC) and the Long Term Satellite Service. These will be added in a future forecast.
- NBN Co intends to update the forward plan every three months to provide further clarity on the detail of its construction schedule.
- The exact number of premises as well as the regions covered in the rollout plan may vary once NBN Co has finalised its construction planning.
- The technology deployed in these communities may also change depending on a number of factors once the construction planning stage has been finalised.
- The interactive rollout map includes a detailed colour-coding system to display the four phases of the rollout within a community:

Measure	Definition	Colour code on the NBN map
Build preparation	Contractors are undertaking pre-construction activities to deliver the National Broadband Network in this area, which may include readying Telstra's pits and pipes for NBN Co use	Green
Build commenced	NBN Co has issued contract instructions to its construction partners so they can commence work to deliver the NBN in this area. (Build Commenced boundaries are subject to change during the construction process)	Brown
Service available	Premises in this area are covered by the National Broadband Network and services may be ordered and purchased from a telephone or internet service provider	Purple
Other fixed-line providers	(Adequately served) means the premises can already access fast broadband services through an existing fibre network. NBN Co will not over build this network. You can find out more by reading the Government's ' Adequately Served Policy '. Note that these network boundaries may be subject to change.	Blue