



## Media Release

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### NBN Co rolls out new Northern Territory construction plan

Construction to begin for 1.9 million homes and businesses by June 2016

NBN Co today announced a new rollout plan revealing the next 25,000 homes and businesses across seven cities, suburbs and towns in the Northern Territory set to receive the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The expansion of the rollout is the first to reflect the company's new, flexible multi-technology approach and is an important step toward reaching its goal of 8 million connections to the NBN by 2020.

The plan provides an indicative view of scheduled construction work up to June 2016, including new areas added such as parts of Alice Springs, Katherine and Palmerston.

#### **NBN Co spokesperson Justin Jarvis said:**

“We’re committed to bringing fast broadband to all Australians as quickly as possible. The new multi-technology approach enables us to do just that.

“This is exciting news for the suburbs and towns which have been added to our construction schedule as it means work to build the network is expected to be underway by mid-2016.

“Access to fast broadband can 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.

“Naturally some people will be disappointed that they are not included in today’s plan but ultimately no-one misses out as the NBN will be made available to every Australian family and business by 2020.”

The rollout of the NBN continues to grow momentum with more than 5,300 homes and businesses across the Northern Territory already connected including recently switched on parts of Malak and Karama.

More information on the new construction schedule is available at [nbnco.com.au/rolloutplan](http://nbnco.com.au/rolloutplan)

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**Media materials:**

Supporting video, audio and image files can be downloaded from the below link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n9i3i7ftqzv7pg7/AACumEuTnE1hVeNNE8fhE7Zma?dl=0>

**New construction work scheduled from December 2014 to June 2016:**

Northern Territory			
Region	Parts of suburbs and towns covered	Estimated total number of premises covered	Estimated total number of suburbs and towns
Darwin Region	Berrimah, Palmerston, Nightcliff	12,000	3
East Arnhem Land	Nhulunbuy	1,000	1
Barkly Region	Tennant Creek	1,000	1
Katherine Region	Katherine	2,000	1
Central Australia	Alice Springs	9,000	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>25,000</b>	<b>7</b>

**Notes to editors:**

- NBN Co is committed to fulfilling the Australian Government's policy goal of ensuring all Australians have access to fast broadband as soon and as cost-effectively as possible.
- NBN Co's strategic goals include connecting eight million premises to fast broadband and achieving annual revenue of \$4 billion by 2020.
- NBN Co's rollout schedule includes all technology in the Multi-Technology-Mix with the exception of HFC and the Long Term Satellite Service. This will be added in a future forecast.
- Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on the technology over which services are delivered to your premises and other factors such as your equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network.
- NBN Co intends to update the forward plan every three months to provide further clarity on the detail of its construction schedule ahead of the rollout activity set to occur in the upcoming quarter.
- NBN Co is planning a wide-scale commercial rollout of multiple technologies using existing networks in 2015. This is subject to reaching agreement with Telstra and Optus on changes to the Definitive Agreements.
- The technology deployed in these communities may also change depending on a number of factors once the construction planning stage has been finalised.
- 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.
- NBN Co's Integrated Product Roadmap indicates fibre-to-the-node (FTTN) services are currently planned to be made available to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) by calendar Q.3 2015 and fibre-to-the-basement (FTTB) in calendar Q.1 2015.
- Around 19 per cent of premises included in the new National Rollout Plan are classified as underserved, compared to 16 per cent of premises nationally.
- 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
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		NBN map
<b>Build preparation</b>	Contractors are undertaking pre-construction activities to deliver the NBN in this area, which may include readying Telstra's pits and pipes for NBN Co use	Green
<b>Build commenced</b>	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
<b>Service available</b>	Premises in this area are covered by the NBN and services may be ordered and purchased from a telephone or internet service provider	Purple
<b>Other fixed-line providers</b>	(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 ' <a href="#">Adequately Served Policy</a> '. Note that these network boundaries may be subject to change.	Blue