

Media release

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nbn™ network to connect first wholesale mobile site

Key points:

- **nbn** has signed its first agreement for our Cell Site Access Service (CSAS) product – with a deal being signed with Vodafone Hutchison Australia.
- The **nbn** CSAS product allows mobile operators to use the **nbn**™ network to expand their mobile coverage quickly and cost effectively.
- The CSAS product creates further community benefits in regional Australia from the rollout of the **nbn**.

nbn's first Cell Site Access Service (CSAS) customer, Vodafone Hutchison Australia (VHA), will shortly switch on new coverage in Molong, NSW by using tower sharing and fibre services supplied by the **nbn**™ network.

The Molong area has been identified as needing improved mobile coverage in phase one of the Federal Government's Mobile Blackspot Program, and is the first black spot area to be addressed directly with the help of **nbn** infrastructure and products.

The **nbn**™ CSAS product allows mobile operators to connect mobile sites using the **nbn**™ network. In this instance VHA has installed an extra set of antennas on the Molong **nbn** Fixed-Wireless tower and used the **nbn** CSAS product to carry the mobile voice and data signals back to the **nbn** Point of Interconnection in Dubbo.

The CSAS service enables **nbn** to further leverage our investment in both our fibre and Fixed Wireless networks for the greater benefit of regional and rural Australians.

nbn Chief Customer Officer, John Simon said:

"This is genuinely exciting news for the community of Molong and for **nbn**.

"The good thing about this is not just that we are helping to deliver a new service for end-users but also that we offering customers new products to help them extend their portfolio and spread their networks.

"By offering this new product and making the most of our network and existing infrastructure, **nbn** is delivering new value to the community."

Notes to editors:

- Important to note, this new wholesale product will not impact broadband in the area (data travels on **nbn**'s transit network).



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