# Media Release

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## Broadband rollout ramps up for rural and regional Australia

### Work underway for 130,000 new homes, farms and businesses by June 2016

NBN Co today announced a new rollout plan revealing the next 130,000 homes, farms and businesses across rural and regional Australia 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 additional builds in key regional across every state and territory areas such as the NSW South Coast, Wide Bay-Burnett, Loddon Mallee and Wheatbelt.

**NBN Co spokesperson Tony Gibbs said:**

"We're committed to bringing fast broadband to rural and regional Australian as quickly as possible. The new multi-technology approach enables us to do just that.

"This is exciting news for the homes, farms and businesses across rural and regional Australia which have been added to our construction schedule as it means work to build the network is expected to be underway by mid-2016.

"The NBN will provide access to internet speeds and bandwidth that many in the big cities take for granted.  It will help regional Australians access e-health services, distance education and entertainment on demand, whilst businesses will have the ability to increase productivity, reduce costs and access new markets."

"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 300,000 homes, farms and businesses across Australia already connected.

More information on the new construction schedule is available at nbnco.com.au/rolloutplan

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

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

**Towns and suburbs in the new rural and regional rollout include:**

| State | Region | Communities |
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| New South Wales | Illawarra | Kiama (surrounds), Nowra-Bomaderry (surrounds) |
| | Newcastle and Hunter | Dungog (surrounds), Maitland (surrounds), Muswellbrook (surrounds), Singleton (surrounds) |
| | South Coast | Batemans Bay (surrounds), Bawley Point (surrounds), Bega (surrounds), Bermagui (surrounds), Merimbula (surrounds), Moruya (surrounds), Narooma (surrounds), Shoalhaven Heads (surrounds), St Georges Basin-Sanctuary Point (surrounds), Ulladulla (surrounds) |
| | Central West | Bathurst (surrounds), Blayney (surrounds), Cowra (surrounds), Gulgong (surrounds), Molong (surrounds), Oberon (surrounds), Orange (surrounds), Parkes (surrounds), Wellington |
| | Mid-North Coast | Bellingen (surrounds), Kempsey (surrounds), Wauchope (surrounds) |
| | Riverina | Corowa (surrounds), Deniliquin (surrounds), Finley (surrounds), Griffith (surrounds), Howlong (surrounds), Lavington (surrounds), Tumut (surrounds), Wagga Wagga (surrounds) |
| | New England | Quirindi (surrounds) |
| | Northern Rivers | Alstonville (surrounds), Casino (surrounds), Grafton (surrounds), Hastings Point (surrounds), Kingscliff (surrounds), Kyogle (surrounds), Lismore (surrounds), Maclean (surrounds), Mullumbimby (surrounds), Terranora (surrounds) |
| | Southern Highlands | Cootamundra (surrounds), Marulan (surrounds), Moss Vale, Yass (surrounds) |
| | Southern Tablelands | Bombala (surrounds), Braidwood (surrounds), Cooma (surrounds), Gundagai (surrounds), Jindabyne (surrounds) |
| **Estimated total number of premises covered:** | | **35,300** |
| Tasmania | Northern | Beaconsfield, Rosebery, Scottsdale (surrounds) |
| | Southern | Cygnet, Dodges Ferry, Huonville-Ranelagh, New Norfolk, Swansea |
| **Estimated total number of premises covered:** | | **3,300** |
| South Australia | Barossa Valley | Nuriootpa (surrounds) |
| | Eyre Peninsula | Ceduna (surrounds), Port Lincoln (surrounds) |
| | Fleuireu Peninsula | Goolwa (surrounds), Port Elliot and Victor Harbor (surrounds), Strathalbyn (surrounds), Yankalilla |

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| | | (surrounds) |
| | Limestone Coast | Bordertown (surrounds), Mount Gambier (surrounds) Penola (surrounds) |
| | Murraylands and Riverland | Berri (surrounds), Murray Bridge (surrounds), Waikerie (surrounds) |
| | Yorke and Mid North | Clare (surrounds), Port Pirie (surrounds), Peterborough (surrounds), Yorketown (surrounds) |
| **Estimated total number of premises covered:** | | **10,400** |
| Queensland | Central | Agnes Water (surrounds), Biloela (surrounds), Calliope (surrounds), Gladstone (surrounds), Lammermoor (surrounds), Mount Morgan (surrounds) |
| | Far North | Atherton (surrounds), Babinda (surrounds), Cairns Smithfield (surrounds), Innisfail (surrounds), Mareeba (surrounds), Ravenshoe (surrounds), Tully (surrounds) |
| | Northern | Airlie Beach (surrounds), Deeragun (surrounds), Half Tide Beach, Haliday Bay (surrounds), Ingham, Mackay (surrounds), Proserpine (surrounds) |
| | Southern | Beaudesert (surrounds), Boonah (surrounds), Kilcoy (surrounds), Maudsland (surrounds), St George (surrounds) |
| | Sunshine Coast | Beerwah (surrounds),Maleny (surrounds), Nambour (surrounds), Pomona (surrounds) |
| | Wide Bay-Burnett | Blackbutt (surrounds), Bundaberg (surrounds), Childers (surrounds), Gympie (surrounds), Howard (surrounds), Maryborough (surrounds), Monto (surrounds), Murgon (surrounds), Nanango (surrounds), North Gooburrum (surrounds) |
| **Estimated total number of premises covered:** | | **34,000** |
| Victoria | Barwon South West | Cobden (surrounds), Colac (surrounds), Hamilton (surrounds), Mortlake (surrounds), Warrnambool (surrounds) |
| | Gippsland | Bairnsdale (surrounds), Foster (surrounds), Garfield (surrounds), Heyfield (surrounds), Lang Lang (surrounds), Moe-Yallourn (surrounds), Orbost (surrounds), Sale (surrounds), Traralgon (surrounds), Warragul (surrounds) |
| | Grampians | Ballarat (surrounds), Dimboola (surrounds), St Arnaud (surrounds), Warracknabeal (surrounds) |
| | Loddon Mallee | Bendigo (surrounds), Cohuna (surrounds), Eaglehawk (surrounds), Echuca-Moama (surrounds), Kerang (surrounds), Kyabram (surrounds), Kyneton, Mildura (surrounds), Robinvale (surrounds), Rochester (surrounds), Wedderburn (surrounds) |
| | North East | Alexandra (surrounds), Chiltern (surrounds), Cobram (surrounds), Mansfield (surrounds), Myrtleford (surrounds), Nathalia (surrounds), Numurkah (surrounds), Wangaratta, Wodonga (surrounds), Yarrawonga-Mulwala (surrounds) |
| **Estimated total number of premises covered:** | | **36,000** |
| Western Australia | Peel | Pinjarra (surrounds) |
| | South West | Augusta (surrounds), Bridgetown (surrounds), Brunswick Junction (surrounds), Busselton |

| | | (surrounds), Collie (surrounds), Dunsborough (surrounds), Margaret River (surrounds) |
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| Western Australia | Great Southern | Albany (surrounds), Denmark (surrounds), Katanning (surrounds) |
| | Wheatbelt | Jurien (surrounds), Lancelin (surrounds), Merredin (surrounds), Narrogin (surrounds), Northam (surrounds), Pingelly (surrounds), Toodyay (surrounds), Wongan Hills (surrounds) |

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| **Estimated total number of premises covered:** | **11,000** |
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## 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 NBN map |
|---|---|---|
| **Build preparation** | 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 |
| **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 NBN 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 |