



# Media Release

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## nbn kicks off big year for Tassie connections

Kicking off a major construction surge in Tasmania in 2016, work has begun by **nbn**'s construction partners across several new communities using fibre to the node (FTTN) technology.

As at 31 December, over 116,000 premises can connect to the network with over 54,000 Tasmanian premises having chosen to activate a service.

The New Year has begun with construction continuing in parts of Hobart and Launceston, and new areas including parts of Evandale, Devonport, Tranmere and Howrah.

Many more areas will begin construction in the first quarter of 2016 including parts of Bicheno, Burnie, Cambridge, Dodges Ferry, Exeter, Hobart, Legana, New Norfolk and Westbury.

The introduction of FTTN technology is a major factor in speeding up the rollout across Australia, including Tasmania.

The technology uses optical fibre to new nodes that are constructed in each neighbourhood, which are then connected to the existing copper telecommunications network to reach premises.

Meanwhile, **nbn** continues to rollout fixed wireless coverage via a string of towers in regional Tasmania.

And this year **nbn** launches access to fast broadband over the **Sky Muster™** satellite – giving access to remote and isolated Tasmanians.

The construction effort is an important step toward the national goal of connecting eight million premises to the **nbn™** network by 2020.

### **nbn Corporate Affairs Manager Tasmania, Russell Kelly, said:**

"This year every part of Tasmania will see **nbn** activity in some form.

"Whether it's being connected or seeing construction start, or the announcement of new services via fixed wireless or satellite – all Tasmania is set to see the benefits of access to fast broadband.

"The **nbn** rollout in Tasmania will accelerate during 2016 as construction starts in the remainder of urban Tasmania, much of it through FTTN.

"FTTN is an efficient, fast and cost-effective way to build the **nbn™** network.

"Putting network equipment in the street reduces the distance data travels over copper, allowing fast broadband speeds to be achieved.



“FTTN is generally non-intrusive as the existing copper network is used to connect each premises.

“The trials of FTTN in NSW and Queensland have delivered excellent results, with end-users achieving fast broadband speeds.

“The rollout is planned to be completed in Tasmania by June 2018.”

More information about the nbn rollout is available at: [www.nbnco.com.au/3yearplan](http://www.nbnco.com.au/3yearplan)

Tasmania			
Region	Parts of suburbs and towns covered	Estimated number of premises covered	Estimated build start date
Northern	Evandale, Western Junction	700	Nov 2015
	Aberdeen, Devonport, Don, Miandetta, Quoiba, Spreyton, Stony Rise, Tugrah	9200	Dec 2015
	Coles Bay East	220	Jan 2016
	Beaconsfield	200	Jan 2016
	Bicheno	800	Mar 2016
	Acton, Brooklyn, Burnie, Cooee, Downlands, East Cam, Emu Heights, Havenview, Hillcrest, Montello, Ocean Vista, Park Grove, Parklands, Romaine, Shorewell Park, South Burnie, Upper Burnie, Wivenhoe	13400	Mar 2016
	Lower Turners Marsh	150	Feb 2016
	Blackstone Heights, Hadspen, Kings Meadows, Norwood, Prospect, Prospect Vale, Punchbowl, Relbia, South Launceston, St Leonards, Summerhill, Travellers Rest, Youngtown	900	Feb 2016
	Blackwall, Exeter, Gravelly Beach, Lanena, Swan Point	800	Mar 2016
	Legana, Grindelwald	1800	Q1 2016
	Hagley, Westbury	1000	Q1 2016
	Campbell Town	600	Q2 2016
	Ambleside, East Devonport, Latrobe	3900	Q2 2016
	Longford	1600	Q2 2016
	Heybridge, Penguin, Sulphur Creek	2000	Q2 2016
	Forth, Leith, Turners Beach, Ulverstone, West Ulverstone	5800	Q2 2016
Bridport	1000	Q3 2016	
Beauty Point, Beaconsfield	1400	Q3 2016	



	Scamander	500	Q3 2016
	Swansea	700	Q3 2016
	Wynyard	2500	Q3 2016
	Devon Hills, Perth	1400	Q3 2016
	Hawley Beach, Port Sorell, Shearwater	2300	Q3 2016
	Railton, Sheffield	900	Q3 2016
	Erriba, Paradise, Railton, Sheffield, Sheffield East, Sunnyside South, Wilmot	1510	Q3 2016
	St Helens	130	H2 2017
	Beaumaris, Falmouth, Fingal, North Cornwall, St Marys	900	H2 2017
	Swan Bay North	140	H1 2018
Southern	Acton Park, Cambridge, Clarendon Vale, Howrah, Lauderdale, Mount Rumney, Oakdowns, Roches Beach, Rokeby, Seven Mile Beach, Tranmere	7700	Nov 2015
	Carlton, Dodges Ferry, Forcett, Lewisham, Primrose Sands	3700	Jan 2016
	Bagdad, Bothwell, Dromedary North, Hawfield, Kempton, Mangalore, Mount Faulkner, Mount Reid, Mount Rivulet, Quoin Hill, Tea Tree South	1410	Jan 2016
	New Norfolk, Lawitta	2400	Feb 2016
	Murdunna East, Port Arthur	390	Feb 2016
	Battery Point, Dynnyrne, Fern Tree, Glebe, Hobart, Lenah Valley, Moonah, Mount Nelson, Mount Stuart, New Town, North Hobart, Queens Domain, Sandy Bay, South Hobart, Tolmans Hill, Wellington Park, West Hobart	5900	Feb 2016
	Catos Hill, Chimney Pot	380	Feb 2016
	Cygnets	500	Q2 2016
	Huonville, Ranelagh, Franklin	1700	Q2 2016
	Coningham, Electrona, Lower Snug, Margate, Snug	1600	Q2 2016
	Austins Ferry, Berriedale, Chigwell, Claremont, Derwent Park, Dowsing Point, Glenorchy, Goodwood, Granton, Lutana, Montrose, Moonah, Otago, Rosetta, West Moonah	2300	Q2 2016
	Berriedale, Chigwell	2600	Q2 2016
	Spring Beach, Orford	1100	Q2 2016
	Brighton, Honeywood, Old Beach, Pontville	5500	Q2 2016
	Orford, Spring Beach	1100	Q2 2016



Margate West, Tinderbox	500	Q3 2016
Richmond	400	Q3 2016
South Arm, Opossum Bay	700	Q3 2016
Taroona	1400	Q3 2016
Cremorne, Sandford, Clifton Beach	1100	Q3 2016

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### Notes to editors

- Communities can check the progress of the rollout of the **nbn™** network in their area by typing their address or postcode into the interactive **nbn™** network rollout map, which can be viewed [here](#)
- The anticipated technology to be deployed in communities may change depending on a number of factors once the construction planning stage has been finalised. Some areas may be serviced by multiple technologies.
- **nbn** provides services to its wholesale customers, telephone and internet service providers, and does not provide services directly to end users. FTTN trial speeds are not necessarily reflective of the speeds that will be experienced by end users. End user experience including the speeds actually achieved over the **nbn™** network depends on the technology over which services are delivered to premises and some factors outside **nbn's** control such as equipment quality, software, broadband plans and the network design of retail service providers.

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