



# Media Release

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## An extra 397,000 homes and businesses in construction plan

### new three year roll-out plan to 2018 increases coverage

A further 397,000 premises in South Australia have been added to a new three year construction plan for the **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network, released nationally today, that will enable more homes and businesses to find out how soon they can connect to fast broadband.

Expanding the current 18 month plan to three years brings the total number of premises now in scope to receive broadband to more than 617,000 across the State.

By September 2018, it is expected that approximately 750,000 South Australian premises will be:

- in-plan
- in-build, or
- completed and connected to the **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network.

Today's new three year roll-out plan lays out time frames for **an extra**:

- **184,000 homes and businesses that can receive their broadband via fibre to the node (FTTN) or fibre to the premise (FTTP)**
- **201,000 premises that can connect to the **nbn**<sup>TM</sup> network utilising an existing cable tv network (HFC), and**
- **12,000 premises that can access via **nbn**'s fixed wireless service.**

In addition to the three year plan figures, another **35,000** premises in South Australia in remote and regional areas are expected to access their broadband via **nbn**'s new long term satellite service that is expected to begin taking connections in the second quarter of 2016.

The powerful Sky Muster satellite was launched into geostationary orbit above Australia on October 1 and a second satellite is scheduled to be launched early in the new year.



The expansion has been made possible by **nbn**'s decision to use a range of technologies to deliver its commitment to deploy access to fast broadband to eight million premises across Australia by 2020.

Communities newly added to the plan include areas within regional and metropolitan Adelaide (including North Adelaide), Croydon, Elizabeth, Glenunga, Lenswood, Lonsdale, Norwood, Port Adelaide, Port Lincoln, Thebarton and Smithfield. The full list can be found at: [www.nbn.com.au/3yearplan](http://www.nbn.com.au/3yearplan)

### **nbn's Corporate Affairs manager Jill Bottrall said:**

"Our job is to ensure all Australians have access to fast broadband as soon as possible, no matter where they live.

"**nbn** recently announced a \$40 million dollar training program so that our delivery partners (the contractors working on the build) can double their workforce in Australia to help accelerate the roll-out of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network.

"In South Australia, another 400 workers are required to help deliver the service laid out in the new three-year plan.

"In particular, this is great news for the many individuals, families and businesses keen to get an indicative timeframe of when the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network is due to be rolled out in their area and how soon they can connect.

"Ultimately, no-one should miss out. Our aim is for every Australian family and business to have access to the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network mandated to deliver wholesale speeds of at least 25 megabits per second download and 5 megabits per second upload, by 2020.\*

"More than 89,000 premises are already able to connect to the **nbn**'s network across South Australia."

For everything you need to know Australia's broadband network, check out our special series nbn 101: <http://nbnco.com.au/blog/nbn101.html>

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## Notes to editors

- This data in this plan is at 01 September 2015. At that time, there were approximately 1.3 million premises ready for service, and 700,000 premises in build. Added to the 7.5 million premises in this plan, this brings the total number of premises to be either ready for service or scheduled to be in build by September 2018 to almost 9.5 million.
- The full list of communities where construction on the rollout of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network is scheduled to begin before September 2018 can be viewed at [www.nbnco.com.au/3yearplan](http://www.nbnco.com.au/3yearplan).
- Communities can also check the progress of the rollout of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network in their area by typing in their location or postcode into the interactive **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network rollout map.
- **nbn** intends to update the Construction Plan regularly.
- The Plan is provided for information purposes and is intended to be a guide only and should not be relied upon as representing **nbn**'s final position on the rollout of the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network.
- The exact number of premises and the regions covered by the Plan may vary once **nbn** has finalised its construction planning.
- The Plan does not include premises that are built, in-build or covered by satellite or new developments.
- 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.
- The technology designation for each community will be guided by **nbn**'s [Multi-Technology Deployment Principles](#).

\* Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the **nbn**<sup>™</sup> network depends on the technology over which services are delivered to your premises and some factors outside our control like your equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network.