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7.5 million homes and businesses scheduled to start construction in next three years

nbn releases three-year rollout plan

Millions more premises across Australia have been added to **nbn**'s construction plan, so many more people can check the likely technology and timeframes for building to start in their areas.

The new plan covers the period up to September 2018 and for the first time includes the areas where **nbn** will use cable TV networks (HFC – Hybrid Fibre Coaxial cable), located mainly in metropolitan areas.

With HFC now in plan, a growing number of premises connected to Fibre to the Node (FTTN) and the successful launch of its first long-term satellite, **nbn** is well positioned to achieve its goal of connecting eight million premises across Australia by 2020.

nbn CEO, Bill Morrow said:

"Today we have provided forecasts for the next three years of the build, including areas covered by HFC cable TV networks.

"This is exciting news for the suburbs and towns added to construction. 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."

"Over the last year we successfully trialled new technology, renegotiated construction partner agreements, started connecting homes with FTTN and launched our new long term satellite.

"This is another big step toward our goal of connecting 8 million homes and businesses by 2020."

These in-plan numbers are in addition to the almost 700,000 premises under construction and nearly 1.3 million premises that are already able to connect to Australia's broadband



network¹. This brings the total number of premises across the country that will be able to order a service or be under construction by September 2018 to almost 9.5 million.

The full list of areas included in the plan, the technologies they are scheduled to receive and when construction is due to start is available at:

www.nbnco.com.au/3yearplan

The numbers of homes and businesses in each state and Territory planned to start construction by September 2018 are:

State or Territory	Estimated number of homes and businesses in plan to start construction by September 2018
NSW	2,214,190
VIC	2,149,820
QLD	1,504,480
SA	617,300
WA	802,540
TAS	104,500
NT	11,300
ACT	81,200
Total:	7,485,330

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¹ These numbers as at 01 September 2015 www.nbn.com.au



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**[™] network is scheduled to begin before September 2018 can be viewed at www.nbnco.com.au/3yearplan.
- Communities can also check the progress of the rollout of the nbn[™] network in their area by typing in their location or postcode into the interactive nbn[™] 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[™] 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 <u>Multi-Technology</u> <u>Deployment Principles.</u>







