



Media Release

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nbn work underway in southern suburbs for a fast future

If residents are seeing **nbn** trucks around Coolbellup, Kardinya and Willagee it's because the **nbn** has started construction in the region.

Work has started on constructing fixed line technology to more than 29,000 premises within the Hilton region. The roll out – one of the largest areas covered in Western Australia to date - includes parts of Coolbellup, Kardinya, Willagee, Hilton, Beaconsfield, Fremantle, Hamilton Hill, North Coogee, North Fremantle, North Lake, O'Connor, Samson, South Fremantle and White Gum Valley.

Local residents can expect to see **nbn** contractors boring and digging trenches, as well as installing new pits, constructing cabinets, hauling, splicing and testing fibre cables. They will also see workers copper jointing and interfacing the copper network with the fibre network. The area is expected to be ready for service mid next year.

WA Corporate Affairs Manager Ebony Aitken said it is exciting news for local residents and businesses as the area moves closer to being able to connect to the **nbn**[™] network.

"Access to fast broadband is designed to provide a range of benefits such as improved opportunities to work from home, better access to online education and health tools and more options for on-demand entertainment," she said.

"Whole families will be able to be online at the same time, using multiple devices and all enjoying the same fast speeds.

"And for businesses, be it e-commerce, sending and receiving files, accessing online services, internet and data security, cloud based sharing or communicating with staff and customers, all aspects will be faster and more efficient with the **nbn**[™] network."

The area itself covers suburbs in three local government boundaries – City of Fremantle, City of Cockburn and the City of Melville.

Fremantle Mayor Dr Brad Pettit said construction of the **nbn**[™] network was greatly anticipated in the port city.

"With a growing number of start-ups, creatives and home-based employees working in and around Fremantle, the City is looking forward to the benefits of faster broadband which will make our city an even better place to live and work," he said.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett also welcomed the commencement of construction in Coolbellup as part of the broader Fremantle network.

"Cockburn's residents have been eagerly anticipating a connection to the NBN and it's great to see construction commence."



nbn's network footprint recently expanded to three million premises now able to order an **nbn** service with more than 300,000 of those premises in Western Australia. More than 104,000 premises in WA are active on the **nbn**TM network.

This means more than one in four homes are able to connect to the **nbn**TM network. By this time next year, that number will be around one in two – meaning half of Australia will be able to order an nbn service. More information on the **nbn**TM and rollout areas is available at: <http://www.nbnco.com.au/maps>.

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*Once new areas commence construction, **nbn's** first priority is to notify the public. Our website will be updated subsequently which requires additional time before accurately reflecting the newly active status of an area.