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The **nbn**[™] network rollout continues to gain momentum

NSW leads the way with largest rollout footprint

Pre-construction work has begun in thirteen regions across NSW, to bring access to the **nbn**[™] network to an additional 110,000 homes and businesses. Nationally that number jumps to 430,000.

As of today, **nbn**'s online maps have been updated to show areas where build preparation has begun, from Gerringong in the south to Richmond in the west and Katoomba in the mountains.

This pre-construction phase is the first step of the process, with construction currently on track to begin in the coming months.

These areas will see some of the first deployments in NSW of the Multi-Technology Mix (MTM) model, including Fibre to the Node (FTTN), outside of the initial trial areas on the Central Coast.

The use of MTM is expected to save months in construction time in each area and help complete the project sooner and more cost-effectively.

nbn spokesperson Kelly Stevens said:

"This announcement marks the start of an exciting new phase of the rollout, which utilises existing infrastructure where possible. This will help allow us deliver access to fast broadband in a timely and cost effective way.

"All of our technologies are designed to deliver fast broadband to meet the needs of internet users, both residential and business. Not only are they designed to be fast, but they all have upgrade paths for the future.

"Crews will be on the streets in Campbelltown, Gerringong, Goulburn, Gulgong, Katoomba, Molong, Moss Vale, Mittagong, Richmond, Terrigal, Wellington, Wollongong and Wyong carrying out preconstruction work, such as readying pits and pipes for use by **nbn**."

NSW continues to lead the way with the largest rollout footprint in the country. Around 260,000 homes and businesses across the state are already able to connect, with that number growing each week.

This announcement follows last week's signing of five new construction contracts with **nbn**'s delivery partners which will undertake the construction phase in many of these areas. The new model rewards contractors who demonstrate they can complete construction on time while meeting specified levels of safety and build quality and minimising cost.

Earlier this month it was also announced that **nbn** had reached a significant milestone, with more than one million homes and businesses across the country now able to connect. The **nbn**[™] network is rolling out across Australia, with a target of 8 million homes and businesses connected by 2020.

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