

## Media Release



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### NBN Co appoints Anne Hurley and Kate Cornick to senior roles

NBN Co is pleased to announce the appointment of two accomplished and experienced figures in the telecommunications industry to new senior positions in the organisation.

Former CEO of the Communications Alliance, Anne Hurley, has been appointed General Manager Stakeholder Management, and the Executive Director of the Institute for a Broadband-Enabled Society (IBES) at the University of Melbourne, Dr Kate Cornick, has accepted the position of General Manager Education and Health.

Both roles will report to the Chief Communications Officer, Kieren Cooney.

Mr Cooney said: "We are very pleased to welcome Anne and Kate to NBN Co as the rollout of the National Broadband Network accelerates.

"Anne has many years of valuable experience working with telecommunications and related industry groups. She will help us develop these relationships and sharpen the focus of business and industry about how to utilise the capacities of the NBN.

"As we transition from construction to operation in more areas, a range of businesses and other organisations are starting to think about how they need to change their processes and ways of engaging with their customers and suppliers in a digital world.

"Two of the biggest potential users of the new capabilities of the network are likely to be the health and education sectors. With a PhD in optical communications, Kate has overseen pioneering projects such as exploring ways in which broadband can aid the health and wellbeing of Australians as well as expand the educational opportunities for the nation's schoolchildren.

"I look forward to working with both of these talented individuals."

Anne Hurley is due to start her role next week, and Kate Cornick in the New Year.

#### Notes to Editors

- The Government's objective is for NBN Co to rollout fibre optic broadband, designed to offer its Retail Service Provider customers wholesale download speeds of up to 100 megabits per second\*, to 93 per cent of Australian premises by 2021 (with a minimum fibre obligation of 90 per cent of Australian premises).
- The remaining premises are expected to receive high-speed broadband via fixed-wireless or satellite, with the rollout of both services expected to be complete by 2015.

- NBN Co is a wholesale company, and those wishing to switch their phone and internet to the National Broadband Network need to speak to their telephone or internet service provider. These are listed by area at [www.nbnco.com.au/serviceproviders](http://www.nbnco.com.au/serviceproviders)
- For more information visit [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au)

\*NBN Co is designing the NBN to be capable of delivering these speeds to NBN Co's wholesale customers (telephone and internet service providers). Speeds actually achieved by retail customers (end users) will depend on a number of factors including the quality of their equipment and in-premises connection, the broadband plans offered by their service provider and how their service provider designs its network to cater for multiple end users

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