

## Media Release



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### Visionstream adds to NBN construction capacity in eastern states

NBN Co has awarded a contract to Visionstream, a subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited, to roll out fibre optic broadband in Victoria, Queensland and southern NSW.

The contract is valued up to \$334 million over two years, with two one-year options to renew, and adds to the existing NBN construction efforts of Silcar in NSW and Queensland and Transfield in Victoria.

NBN Co Chief Operating Officer, Ralph Steffens said: "Under the contract announced today the contractor will be responsible for the rollout of the passive network from the fibre access node (FAN) all the way to the box outside the home, making it ready to connect to the network when the occupants order a service from their chosen provider."

Visionstream has extensive experience in the design, construction and maintenance of telecommunications networks.

The company is already responsible for the rollout of the NBN in established communities in Tasmania and in new developments in Victoria and Queensland. The company is also building the first stage of the NBN transit network, which connects communities to the network via rings of backbone fibre-optic cables.

The contract was awarded following a select tender process, and its value is within the Corporate Plan targets.

The National Broadband Network aims to deliver fast, affordable and reliable broadband to every Australian by 2021.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

- The latest contract adds to the list of companies NBN Co has contracted with to construct the local and distribution network so far: Visionstream - Tasmania; Syntheo (a Lend Lease/Service Stream joint venture) - NT, SA, WA; Transfield - Victoria; Silcar - NSW, Qld and the ACT; Downer EDI, northern NSW.
- 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 June 2021. The remaining premises are expected to receive high-speed broadband via fixed-wireless or satellite.

- 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 preferred telephone or internet service provider. These are listed 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