

Media release

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Fast broadband to boost growth in Queanbeyan

2,800 premises across the CBD now able to connect

Australian software and project management company, Codarra Advanced Systems, is amongst the first in Queanbeyan to experience the benefits of fast broadband, following the official switch on of the national broadband network in parts of the CBD.

From today, more than 2,800 homes and businesses in Queanbeyan can now connect to the National Broadband Network. Physical construction also underway to expand the network to an additional 7,800 premises in parts of Queanbeyan East, The Ridgeway, Crestwood and further parts of the CBD.

Codarra Advanced Systems' Managing Director and Telstra customer, Warren Williams said:

“As an information and communications technology business, the introduction of the National Broadband Network will instantly bring multiple efficiency and productivity benefits to our operations. It will enable us to better communicate with our clients and provide more effective support for our software exports.

“Access to fast and reliable broadband will also enable our staff to work remotely. Be it on the road, from home or from our client’s office, our staff will now have the ability to be more flexible and productive in how they work.”

Queanbeyan City Council Mayor, Councillor Tim Overall said:

“By connecting to the network, Queanbeyan residents and businesses will be able to realise the full potential of the internet. For Council the national broadband network is a vital piece of infrastructure that helps us execute our long term Residential and Economic Strategy – something that’s key to the future growth and prosperity of Queanbeyan.”

NBN Co spokesperson, Darren Rudd said:

“Today marks a significant milestone in the rollout of the National Broadband Network in Queanbeyan. Moving forward it will help residents access e-health, distance education and entertainment on demand, whilst businesses have the ability to increase productivity, reduce costs and access new markets.

“It’s also important for residents of Queanbeyan to know the move to the National Broadband Network is not automatic. So I encourage everyone in the coverage area to contact their preferred phone or internet service provider to get connected.”

The rollout of the national broadband network continues to gain momentum across the ACT with more than 17,800 homes and businesses already connected. Residents of Queanbeyan can check if their home or business is in the NBN coverage area at nbnco.com.au/maps.

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Media materials

Supporting video, audio and image files can be downloaded from the below link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pwm1anr7qvw0txh/AACv8fBH834oFmhl4qiRDsuqa?dl=0>

Notes to editors

- On average it takes around 12 months from the start of construction until residents and business owners can access National Broadband Network services via phone and internet providers.
- In fixed line areas, homes and businesses will need to take the following steps to connect to the National Broadband Network:
 - 1. Contact your preferred internet service provider or phone company:**
 - a. If you have a medical alarm or alert (or a family member, carer or friend) you are encouraged to register your details with NBN Co's Medical Alarm Register by calling 1800 227 300 or complete the online form at nbnco.com.au/medicalregister.
 - b. If you have an EFTPOS terminal, fax or alarm system, call the provider of that service (for example your bank) to ask what internet or landline phone services over the National Broadband Network will support the device.
 - c. If your building has an emergency lift phone and/or a fire indicator panel you are encouraged to register your details with NBN Co so these services can be identified by calling 1800 687 626.
 - d. Contact your preferred phone company or internet service provider and discuss your requirements.
 - 2. Choose a plan that suits your needs.**
 - 3. Order your service over the National Broadband Network as soon as possible.**
- A standard installation of NBN Co equipment is currently free of charge. Residents should ask their preferred service provider if they have any other fees. For more information visit www.nbnco.com.au