



# Media release

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## Soldiers closer to home thanks to nbn access network

### nbn access network being built on sites nationwide

NBN Co – the company building Australia’s new broadband network – is partnering with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to provide access to a world-class broadband network at around 400 Air Force, Navy and Army sites nationwide.

Almost 400 sites will be upgraded with the **nbn** access network and personnel serving on them will be able to access high-speed broadband to keep in touch with their families and friends all over Australia and the rest of the world.

Construction of the **nbn** access network will provide access to fast broadband to non-operational on-base structures and facilities. The sites are currently operating a mixture of legacy services including DSL and PSTN services.

Another big winner from this program will be the on-base commercial assets such as cafeterias and shops, which will see the benefits of fast connectivity for conducting business.

Works are already underway on delivering the **nbn** access network to these sites, having begun in September 2017. The network deployment, like the rest of the rollout, uses the multi-technology-mix including FTTN, FTTB, Satellite, Fixed Wireless and FTTP.

The bulk of work completed to date has been at two priority sites in the NT at Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Tindal and Larrakeyah Barracks, incorporating HMAS Coonawarra.

Once these sites are complete approximately 20 more sites are to be built before the end of the year.

#### **NBN Co Chief Network Deployment Officer, Kathrine Dyer said:**

“Deploying the world class **nbn** access network to those who work to defend our country makes all of us at **nbn** very proud.

“We are using a variety of **nbn** technologies at these sites, allowing us to meet the unique challenges of our vast country and also the site specifics of each base.

“Once these works are completed it’s our hope that communication between our military personnel and their families is vastly better.”



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