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Tasmania powers ahead with **nbn**[™] network rollout

The next stage of the **nbn**[™] fast broadband network rollout has been announced with preparation work underway in parts of Devonport, Evandale and more suburbs in Clarence.

nbn today updated its online maps to show areas covering over 430,000 premises across Australia and 20,600 premises across Tasmania where build preparation work has started.

These areas will see some of the first deployments in Tasmania of the Multi-Technology Mix (MTM) model, including Fibre to the Node (FTTN).

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.

This follows last week's signing of a new construction contract with delivery partner Visionstream which will continue to construct the **nbn**[™] network in Tasmania. The new model aims to deliver a faster build while ensuring safety, cost effectiveness and quality.

The areas that have entered 'build preparation' are now shaded green on the nbn maps at www.nbn.com.au.

They include parts of Devonport, Evandale and the Clarence suburbs of Cambridge, Howrah, Tranmere, Acton Park, Seven Mile Beach, Rokeby, Clarendon Vale and Oakdowns.

These areas mean contractors in cities and towns are carrying out pre-construction activities – for example readying pits and pipes for use by **nbn** – ahead of the physical construction of the **nbn**[™] network.

Construction continues in many areas of Tasmania including with fixed-line technology in Hobart and Launceston and fixed wireless in a number of other locations.

Further details regarding particular areas covered are available from the rollout maps on the **nbn** website: www.nbn.com.au

Russell Kelly, nbn spokesperson said:

"One in three Tasmanians is now able to connect to the **nbn**[™] network. Already over 80,000 Tasmanians can connect with construction currently on track to start for another 65,000 Tasmanians before September 2016.

"Many Tasmanians are already making the switch to the **nbn**[™] network.

"Tasmania already has many urban areas connected to the **nbn**[™] network, with many regional and rural areas serviced by a growing footprint of fixed wireless towers.

"The switch on momentum is growing in Tasmania as we continue to provide access to new communities and help open up new opportunities for business, education and entertainment."

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