

## Media Statement

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### Faster NBN rollout kicks off in nine Rockhampton suburbs

Work has started to deliver the National Broadband Network (NBN) to around 10,300 premises in Rockhampton.

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry said the bulk of work will start under a revised rollout approach to the NBN - that will save months in construction time and see the project completed nationwide years sooner and at less cost.

“People in some Rockhampton suburbs will begin to notice that pre-construction activities such as readying pits and pipes ahead of the physical network construction, has begun in 9 suburbs which will benefit 10,300 premises,” Mr Landry said.

The work is occurring in:

Suburb NBN networks	Number of premises to benefit
Allenstown, Rockhampton City, The Range	2,400
Berserker, Kawana, Park Avenue	3,200
Depot Hill, Rockhampton City	1,400
The Range, Wandal, West Rockhampton	3,300

The new approach will see the upgrades accelerated throughout Queensland using different technologies including fibre to the node. In early deployments, the technology has delivered average download speeds of 91 megabits per second and upload speeds of 36 megabits per second.

According to NBN those speeds would enable a premises to stream up to 18 high definition Netflix streams simultaneously, or other bandwidth intensive applications such as online learning and telehealth consultations.

Ms Landry said today’s announcement demonstrates the Coalition’s plan to deliver the NBN sooner and at less cost to taxpayers was working.

Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull said careful planning and extensive rollout trials have allowed NBN to significantly speed up the construction process.

He said a new contracting model signed by NBN will reward contractors who can demonstrate they can complete construction quickly while meeting specified levels of build quality.

“The great thing about the NBN’s new approach is that we will see the benefits of broadband much sooner and services will be much more affordable – avoiding the 80 per cent price hikes that were foreshadowed under Labor’s project”, Mr Turnbull said.

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