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Faster NBN Rollout Kicks Off in La Trobe

Work has started to deliver the nbn to around 5,500 premises in La Trobe, under a revised rollout approach that will save months in construction time and see the project completed nationwide years sooner and at less cost.

Across Australia 436,000 premises are due to start nbn construction in coming months.

The nbn's monthly update shows that pre-construction activities, for example readying pits and pipes ahead of the physical network construction, have begun in:

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The new approach will see the upgrades accelerated throughout the country. The nbn will use different technologies used where they are most appropriate, 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.

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.

Jason Wood MP said today's announcement demonstrates the Coalition's plan to deliver the nbn sooner and at less cost to taxpayers is working.

"Under Labor, the experience from residents was one of frustration. We were told the nbn would revolutionise connectivity and offer a new range of online services and applications, yet construction has been painfully slow and La Trobe wasn't even on the map for Labor", Jason Wood MP said.

Around the country, the pace of the nbn rollout has greatly accelerated, with more than 1 million premises now serviceable by the nbn's various technologies, up from 275,000 serviceable premises at the time of the election.

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

A new contracting model recently signed by nbn will reward those 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.

The nbn recently reached the one million premises passed milestone. By September 2016, more than three million homes and businesses will have an nbn service in place or under construction.

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