

Media release

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More than 1,300 homes and businesses set for NBN in regional and rural Western Australia

The National Broadband Network (NBN) gained further momentum in Western Australia today with physical construction commencing on five new fixed wireless installations to deliver fast broadband to rural and regional communities.

Following a thorough planning and consultation phase, these fixed wireless installations will service more than 1,300 farms, homes and businesses across the following regions and communities:

Peel

- Coolup

South West

- Argyle
- Manjimup (surrounds)

Wheatbelt

- Moora (surrounds)
- Williams (surrounds)

Residents in these areas are encouraged to visit www.nbnco.com.au/rollout/rollout-map to see if their premise is included in the coverage footprint. If so, they should contact their service provider once construction is complete to get connected. A full list of those offering NBN services can be found at www.nbnco.com.au/serviceproviders.

NBN Co spokesperson, Peter Gurney, said the fixed wireless service can bring better broadband to the bush. "For decades, rural and regional Australia has been left behind when it comes to telecommunications. The fixed wireless service is designed to provide access to internet speeds and bandwidth that many in the big cities currently take for granted.

"The NBN also means you can get the whole family on line at once, opening up opportunities for local farms, businesses and the wider region to participate in the digital age. Fast broadband can help deliver improved access to health, education and entertainment over high quality video links,"* Mr Gurney said.

On average, it takes around 12 months from the start of construction until residents and business owners can order NBN retail services from telephone or internet service providers. More information will be provided to residents about how to connect as construction nears completion in each area.

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Notes to editors

- NBN Co's fixed wireless facilities are designed to service less densely populated communities across Australia surrounding major townships.
- NBN Co's fixed wireless service offers wholesale download speeds of up to 25 megabits per second and wholesale upload speeds of up to five megabits per second to telephone and internet service providers.**
- End user experience, including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN, depends on some factors outside NBN Co's control like equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how the end user's service provider designs its network
- Fixed wireless services are delivered by radio communications via antennas that transmit a signal direct to a small outdoor antenna on your home or business.
- Before the network equipment is installed a service validation test will be carried out. Those premises which are unable to be served by fixed wireless may be able to receive NBN Co's long term satellite service when it becomes available. Visit www.nbnco.com.au/satellite for more information.
- In fixed wireless areas copper phone lines will remain in place to provide a landline telephone service.
- A standard installation of NBN 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

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*** NBN Co's designing the NBN to provide these speeds to its wholesale customers, telephone and internet service providers. End user experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on some factors outside NBN Co's control like equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how the end user's service provider designs its network.*