



Media Release

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Ipswich suburbs switch on to the National Broadband Network

The National Broadband Network has officially been switched on in Goodna in Queensland.

Around 6700 families and businesses in the Ipswich suburbs of Goodna, Redbank, Collingwood Park and Bellbird Park can now access superfast broadband, with a further 10,000 premises expected to be passed in the coming months.

NBN Co Community Relations Manager for Queensland Ryan Williams said NBN Co is building a fast affordable and reliable broadband network which will provide real benefits to residents.

“Over the NBN, Goodna families and businesses can enjoy a high-speed internet connection with multiple devices connected all at once. They can work from home with ease and enjoy video calls without worrying about constant drop outs,” Mr Williams said.*

NBN Co visited some of the first Goodna residents to sign up to services over the NBN. Robert Dow, a retired medical scientist, and his wife Isabel, use their superfast broadband connection to run the volunteer Darra Community Group’s website.

“Since connecting to the NBN, we have been able to conduct volunteer work from home, get more involved in online social activities and use video conferencing to stay in touch with our daughter in the America,” said Mr Dow, an iPrimus customer.

“We are very fortunate in Goodna to be one of the first suburbs to get superfast broadband. I have been using the internet since the 1980s and I can hardly believe how big a step the NBN is. I’ve seen some huge leaps in how we use internet enabled technology in the last 30 years, I can’t wait to see what happens in the next 30 years with the NBN.”

Families and businesses in Goodna can choose an NBN package from one of 14 phone and internet service providers: <http://www.nbnco.com.au/get-an-nbn-connection/certified-service-providers.html>

Across Queensland, construction of the fibre network has commenced for more than 177,500 premises, including homes and businesses in Bundamba, Springfield and Ipswich.

The nationwide rollout of the NBN is due to be completed by 2021.

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- NBN Co does not charge consumers for a standard installation of NBN equipment in a home or business. Consumers should speak to their service provider to see if they have any other

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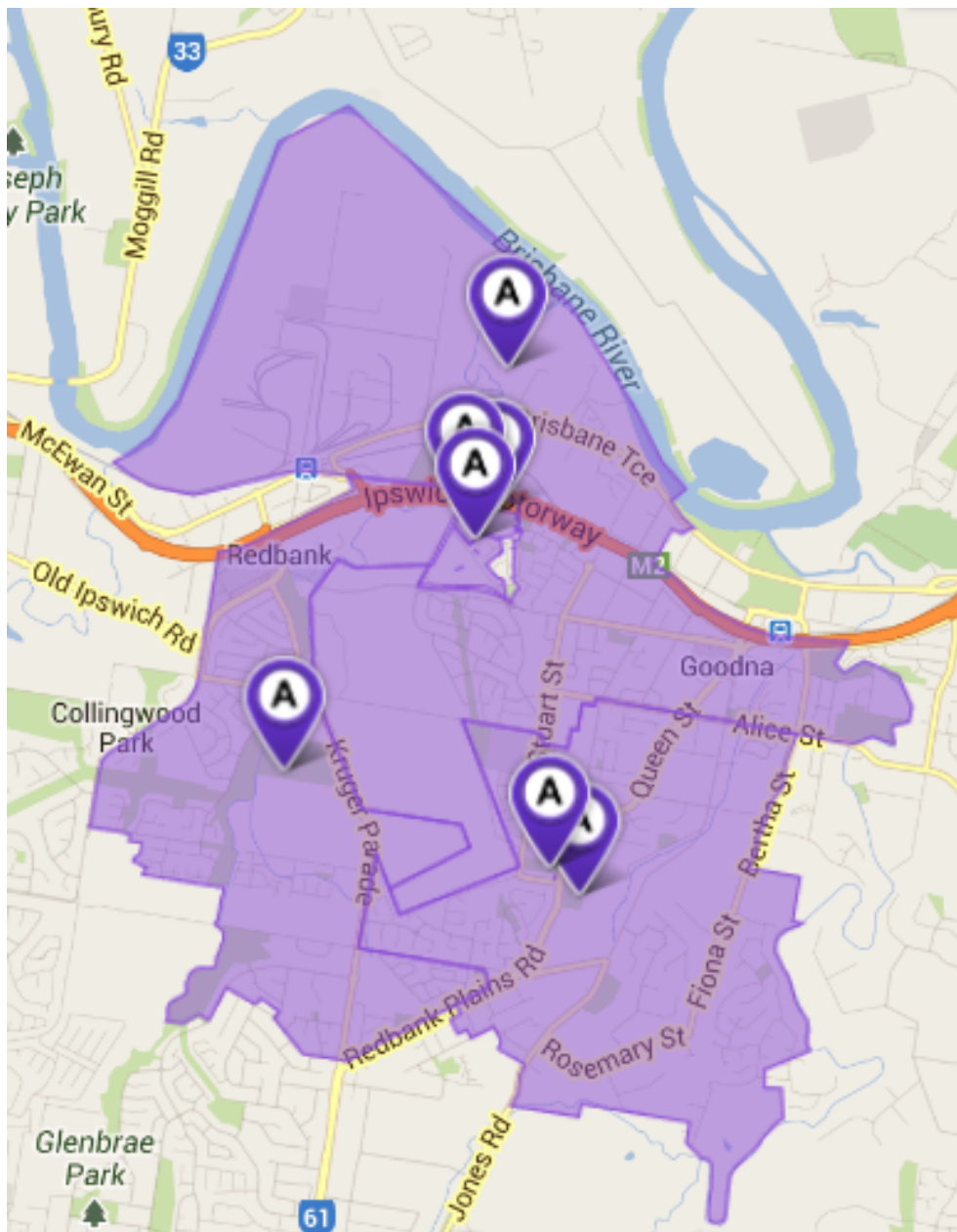
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charges such as set up or activation fees. All homes and businesses within the fibre footprint will ultimately need to access voice and internet services over the NBN as existing landline phone, ADSL internet and Telstra and Optus cable internet services are progressively switched off. For a list of existing services in fibre-covered areas that are not replaced by the NBN visit www.nbnco.com.au/switch or call us on 1800 687 626

- * End user experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on some factors outside our control like equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how their service provider designs its network.
- ^ Construction commenced means that NBN Co has issued contract instruction to its construction partners, so they can commence work on the detailed design, field inspections and rodding / roping activities in an area.

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