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70,000 Victorian homes and businesses start **nbn**[™] network build preparation

New map updates released today show build preparation work for the **nbn**[™] network has started for a further 70,400 homes and businesses across Victoria.

Parts of Mornington, Mt Martha, Blind Bight, Cannons Creek, Koo Wee Rup, Tooradin, Warneet, Officer, Pakenham, Jan Juc, Torquay, Clifton Springs, Drysdale, Indented Head, Portarlington, St Leonards, Ballan and Wangaratta have entered this preconstruction phase.

These areas will see some of the first deployments in Victoria 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.

nbn spokesperson Michael Moore said:

“This announcement marks the start of an exciting new phase of the rollout, which uses existing infrastructure where possible. This will help allow us deliver access to fast broadband in a timely and cost effective way.

The areas are now shaded green on **nbn**'s online maps, signifying that contractors in built-up (or brownfields) areas have started pre-construction activities such as readying pits and pipes for use by **nbn** ahead of the physical construction of the network.

This announcement follows last week's signing of five new construction contracts with **nbn**'s delivery partners who will undertake the construction phase in many of these areas. The new model rewards contractors who demonstrate they can complete construction on time while meeting specified levels of safety and build quality and minimising cost.

Earlier this month it was also announced that **nbn** had reached a significant milestone, with more than one million homes and businesses across the country now able to connect to the **nbn**[™] network. The **nbn**[™] network is rolling out across Australia, with a target of 8 million homes and businesses connected by 2020.

For more information and to discover if you're able to connect visit www.nbn.com.au.

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

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