



# Media Release

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### National Broadband Network construction to commence across the Flinders electorate

Residents and businesses throughout the Flinders electorate are a step closer to getting the National Broadband Network (NBN), with new target dates set by the NBN Co.

The NBN Co has released its national rollout plan to June 2016, which includes 36,250 homes across the Flinders electorate, including parts of Rye, Tootgarook, Balnarring, Blind Bight, Koo Wee Rup, Cowes, San Remo and Woolamai where construction on the fixed-line broadband upgrades will commence within the next 18 months:

VIC 18-month rollout sites	Approx. premises in plan*
<b>Flinders</b>	<b>36250</b>
Arthurs Seat, Dromana, Safety Beach	7500
Balnarring, Balnarring Beach, Flinders, Point Leo, Red Hill South, Shoreham, Somers	3400
Blind Bight, Cannons Creek, Koo Wee Rup, Tooradin, Warneet	1300
Cape Woolamai, Newhaven, San Remo, Smiths Beach, Sunset Strip, Surf Beach	3000
Cowes, Rhyll, Silverleaves, Ventnor, Wimbledon Heights	6300
Mount Martha	3250
Rye, Tootgarook	11500

\*numbers of premises are indicative only until the NBN Co releases detailed mapping

This is an important milestone for many areas within my electorate and will provide homes and businesses with greater certainty as they prepare for superfast broadband services.

I have had many residents come to me with concerns over inadequate access to broadband internet or download speeds as slow as dial-up.

In this era where we rely on the internet for everything from paying bills to completing further study, having fast and reliable internet is imperative.

Installation of the NBN means residents, businesses and local organisations will be able to operate more efficiently.

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Since the Coalition Government took office, the NBN has more than doubled the reach of its network.

The release of these new sites for NBN construction to commence delivers on the Government's promise to get the rollout back on track.

The Government's changes to the NBN rollout will save \$32 billion, will see upgrades delivered four years sooner than under Labor and avoid Internet retail bills increasing by up to \$43 a month.

One of our main priorities coming into government was to get this rollout completed sooner and at less expense for taxpayers as well as making it more affordable for consumers and that is exactly what we are delivering.

Nationwide, 1.2 million homes and businesses can now connect to the NBN or have work underway in their area.

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