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nbn – a year in review in WA

nbn hits 300,000+ premises able to connect and expects to double figure in 2017

It was a big year in Western Australia as the **nbn** ramped up construction across a number of areas, hitting more than 360,000 premises now able to connect and surpassing more than 140,000 premises active on the **nbn**™ network.

During 2016 alone, more than 140,000 premises in WA were added to the ready for service footprint, averaging around 2,100 premises added every week.

Meanwhile, **nbn** delivery partners continue working hard to declare an additional 20,000 more connections ready for service by Christmas – before continuing the construction momentum into the New Year.

Construction occurred this year in parts of Cervantes, Lancelin, Northam, Wagin, Wongan Hills, Cunderdin, Forrestdale, Haynes, Seville Grove, Armadale, Parmelia, Wellard, Bertram, Champion Lakes, Kelmscott, Camillo, Willagee, O'Connor, Beaconsfield, Hamilton Hill, North Coogee, South Fremantle, Kelmscott, Rockingham, Safety Bay, Australind, Bridgetown, Manjimup, Busselton and many more. Overall, construction throughout 2016 totalled around 250,000 premises.

This year, **nbn** launched its Sky Muster satellite service which will ultimately provide access to fast broadband to more than 60,000 remote and regional areas within WA. **nbn** also continued to rollout fixed wireless coverage via a string of towers in regional areas including Gingin, Walpole, Yallingup, Toodyay and Merredin to name a few.

With just over one million premises making up the total **nbn** footprint in WA, by this time next year, the roll out of the **nbn**™ network is expected to surpass the halfway point.

The construction effort is an important step toward the national goal of connecting eight million premises to the **nbn™** network by 2020.

nbn Corporate Affairs Manager WA Ebony Aitken said:

"This year we promised to ramp up the construction rollout and that we've done. Even in the lead up to Christmas our teams continue to roll out the **nbn**™ network with construction recently starting in parts of Gabbadah, Woodridge, Guilderton, parts of North Perth as well as in the town centres of Mount Barker, Margaret River, Denmark.

"It is a credit to all at **nbn,** our delivery partners and the many subcontractors who have been out there in streets every day connecting West Aussie's house-by-house.

"One of the highlights has been the progress throughout the South-West region – more than 70,000 premises are either under construction or able to connect to the **nbn**™ network. By this time next year the South-West region will be fully connected.

"Next year the Kimberley and Pilbara regions will see a lot of activity with fixed line construction commencing in Derby, Broome, Kununurra, Karratha, Wickham, Point Samson, Roebourne, Port Hedland, Newman, Paraburdoo and Tom Price – totalling more than 30,000 premises across both regions.

"We have some pretty ambitious targets but we're on our way to reaching our goal – by 2020, we'll be the first country of our size to make broadband access universal – **nbn** will make Australia the world's first fully-connected continent and that's something to be proud of."

More information on the **nbn**™ and rollout areas is available at: http://www.nbnco.com.au/maps .

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