

Media Release

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101 FASTER, STRONGER SIGNALS FOR VICTORIANS

The Allan Labor Government is making it easier for Victorians to access faster and more reliable broadband internet, with more than 100 Connecting Victoria Fibre-to-the-Premises upgrades completed across the state.

Minister for Government Services Natalie Hutchins today announced the completion of 101 projects which are boosting connectivity right across regional Victoria.

The Fibre-to-the-Premises upgrades replace existing copper with high-speed fibre optic cables that plug directly into each premise – this means residents and businesses can now access download speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second through their chosen internet provider.

The 101 projects delivered have been jointly funded by Connecting Victoria and NBN Co. More than 99,000 households and businesses across 70 Victorian towns and suburbs can now switch to nbn Fibre-to-the-Premises technology thanks to these upgrades.

Work has taken place across the state, including Greater Geelong, Greater Bendigo, Hume, the Latrobe Valley, and most recently on the Surf Coast in Lorne.

While the Commonwealth is responsible for telecommunications services in Australia, the Labor Government is investing significantly to fast-track state telecommunications infrastructure upgrades.

Connecting Victoria has already completed 140 broadband projects. By the end of the year, Victoria is set to have the largest percentage of premises in Australia capable of gigabit speeds through nbn's fixed line network.

Delivered by the Department of Government Services, Connecting Victoria is the single largest investment in mobile and internet infrastructure made by any state. The majority of projects are set for completion by June 2026.

Victorians can check if they're eligible for an upgrade via the 'check your address' function on nbn's website at nbnco.com.au/residential/upgrades/more-fibre, or find out more at vic.gov.au/connecting-victoria.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Natalie Hutchins

"We're upgrading the broadband network across the state – so no community misses out on access everything on the internet."

"These upgrades will make broadband internet faster and more reliable for Victorians, whether they're connecting with loved ones, studying or working from home, or streaming their favourite shows online."

Quote attributable to Head of nbn local Victoria Emily Peel

"The nbn fixed line network is a core part of our network, and Australian homes and businesses are benefiting from faster nbn speeds and more reliable connectivity in busy periods than ever before, meaning people can do more online, with more devices, at the same time."