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The completion of the nbn Fixed Wireless upgrades, as part of the \$750 million Fixed Wireless and Satellite Upgrade Program, means around 800,000 homes and businesses in regional, rural and remote Australia can now access higher speeds with a Fixed Wireless connection. Further details on the upgrades are below. If you think you might be eligible to upgrade your connection to either nbn\hat{R} Satellite or nbn\hat{R} Fixed Wireless, visit our pages to find out more. People who were previously only able to access a Satellite connection can now connect to Fixed Wireless, which also opens up the Satellite network for more people to connect. The upgrade has involved equipment upgrades to more than 2,300 towers to deliver faster wholesale speeds across the nbn network, including during busy periods, and the introduction of the fastest wholesale speeds ever offered on the nbn Fixed Wireless network via participating retail service providers.

Key benefits for those in regional and remote Australia include:

- **Faster speeds:** Around 800,000 homes and businesses can now enjoy faster speeds, including during busy periods.
- **New high-speed plans**: Two new high-speed tier plans are now available via participating retail service providers, offering peak wholesale nbn network download speeds of up to five times faster than what was previously available.
- **Expanded access:** More than 120,000 homes and businesses previously within the nbn Sky Muster satellite service footprint now have access to nbn Fixed Wireless for the first time.
- Enhanced performance: Improved network performance for uncapped data plans under nbn Sky Muster Plus.*

The upgrades have been delivered under a \$750 million investment, made up of \$480 million from the Australian Government and an additional \$270 million from nbn, to enhance nbn broadband across regional Australia.

This program complements nbnâ??s other upgrade programs, such as the recently announced investment to upgrade around 622,000 premises remaining on Fibre to the Node technology, which is expected to benefit more than 300,000 homes and businesses in regional Australia.

Fast Facts



The delivery of the Fixed Wireless upgrades has allowed nbn to:

- Increase network capacity by four times, supporting an improved user experience.
- Achieve up to five times faster peak wholesale nbn network download speeds than what was previously available.
- Deliver a speed boost on the popular Fixed Wireless Plus wholesale plan, to a potential maximum speed of up to 100/20 Mbps (from a potential maximum speed of up to 75/10 Mbps).
- Introduce new high-speed tier plans to eligible upgraded locations via participating retail service providers:
 - Fixed Wireless Home Fast is intended to be available to approximately 90 per cent of the expanded Fixed Wireless footprint. Fixed Wireless Home Fast has wholesale peak information rate speeds of 200-250/8-20 Mbps. Check the nbn website to see what is currently available at your address: www.nbnco.com.au/check
 - Fixed Wireless Superfast is intended to be available to approximately 80 per cent of the expanded Fixed Wireless footprint. Fixed Wireless Superfast has wholesale peak information rate speeds of 400/10-40 Mbps. Check the nbn website to see what is currently available at your address: www.nbnco.com.au/check

Actual speeds and your experience with nbn depend on many factors. You can read more comments from nbn about the upgrade in their <u>Media Release</u>.

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