



**THE HON PAUL FLETCHER MP**

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

**SENATOR HOLLIE HUGHES**

Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter Region

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**Even faster broadband in the Hunter Region**

NBN Co has announced a sixth tranche of suburbs and towns across Australia that will become eligible to upgrade to NBN's Fibre to the Premises (FTTP), with communities in the Hunter Region set to benefit from access to ultrafast broadband.

**Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP**, said today's announcement would bring the total to 1.6 million premises of the 2 million target.

"This next stage will see another 200,000 premises eligible, many of which are in the Hunter Region, driving significant benefits to the community," Minister Fletcher said.

"NBN Co will now work with its construction and delivery partners to get premises in the electorates of Hunter, Paterson, Shortland and Newcastle ready to upgrade to ultrafast speeds when they choose to do so.

"This represents a key part of NBN Co's \$3.5 billion investment that will see 75 per cent of Australia's fixed line network able to access ultrafast broadband by 2023."

**Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter Region** said that residents in the electorates of **Hunter** (Bonnells Bay and Muswellbrook), **Paterson** (Anna Bay), **Shortland** (Buff Point, Caves Beach, and San Remo) and **Newcastle** (Merewether) would benefit from being able to access to ultrafast broadband.

"Ultrafast broadband will create jobs in the community, ensure local businesses can access the speeds they need to thrive, and improve connectivity for families in the entire Hunter Region. Households and businesses will be able to access NBN Co's fastest internet plans of up to 1 gigabit per second on demand by 2023," Senator Hughes said.

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