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DIGITAL DIVIDE COMING TO DARWIN

Shadow Minister for Corporate and Information Services Kon Vatskalis said today about 10,000 households in Darwin could miss out on superfast broadband if the Federal Coalition Government decides to wind back the clock on the National Broadband Network (NBN).

“Territorians can already connect to the NBN in parts of Darwin City, Muirhead, the Rural Area and new building estates in Palmerston like Johnston and Zuccoli.

“Building has commenced in suburbs including Tiwi, Lyons, Stuart Park, Wanguri, Leanyer, Wagaman, Wulagi and parts of Moil, Alawa and Anula.

“Construction was due to start in suburbs like Nakara, Brinkin, Coconut Grove, Nightcliff, Rapid Creek, Millner, Jingili, Malak, Karama, Marrara, Fannie Bay and Parap. Now there is now no timeline for commencement – with swathes of land given no commencement date unlike previous maps provided by NBN.

“If this means the NBN is stopping then there will be a digital divide between homes and business with superfast NBN and homes and businesses left on old, slow copper.

“I call on the CLP Government to stand up and tell their mates in Canberra that cutting the NBN is not good enough and that Territorians deserve access to superfast broadband.”

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