Bess Price  
Minister for Local Government and Community Services

Adam Giles  
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

**NBN rollout out in Alice Springs with AAPA sacred sites mapping**

26 November 2015

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) and the NBN have collaborated to create a significant sacred site map of the whole of Alice Springs in preparation of the NBN roll out in Alice Springs.

Alice Springs holds huge cultural significance to the local Aboriginal people and as a consequence it is immersed in Sacred Sites, this presented an enormous logistical exercise that had never been undertaken before partly due to the scale of the job.

This partnership undertook new anthropological research and consultations with the custodians and this has led to the most up to date map ever produced for the Alice Area. The 600 plus sites will support future development for the next two decades.

This was the most comprehensive consultation process ever entered into by the NBN anywhere in Australia to design a roll-out.

The Minister responsible for AAPA, Bess Price said “I am very impressed with the success of this collaboration between AAPA and NBN. The map of Alice Springs sacred sites, which was 2 years in the making, means that any new development in this area will be able to incorporate the sensitivities to their working plan. “Until now, no single developer has ever attempted to roll out infrastructure across the entire town. This is now possible due to the extensive work carried out by AAPA and NBN.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said “The communications infrastructure provided through the NBN will give the residents and visitors of Alice Springs new opportunities to drive commerce, share stories online, access information and entertainment,”

The NBN roll out will serve 9200 premises and is expected to take approximately five months.

For further information contact NBN Media hotline 02 9927 4200 e: media@nbnco.com.au

Or Jill Bottrall 08 8193 381 m: 0488 535 733

**Media Contact:** Rebecca McLean (Price): 0419 033 679

Scott Whitby (Chief Minister): 0438 531 583