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NBN Rollout Speeds Up Across the Territory

Minister for ICT policy Karl Hampton today welcomed NBN Co’s release of its 12 month national rollout plan that will see work accelerate in Darwin.

“The National Broadband Network will help grow our economy and boost other key services as set out in the Territory 2030 strategic plan,” Mr Hampton said.

“That’s why the Territory Government welcomes today’s announcement by NBN Co that the rollout is set to go past about 25,000 Territory homes before the end of next year.

“We have already seen prices come down in Alice Springs where national broadband company Internode recently launched its new high performance ADSL2+ services and we will see cheaper prices soon in Darwin too.

“As the quantity and quality of service providers increases this will further demonstrate the benefits the National Broadband Network will bring Territorians.

“I note a recent report, commissioned by search engine Google and conducted by Deloitte Access Economics found that the Internet economy already contributes $50 billion towards Australia’s Gross Domestic Product for 2010 which represents some 3.6 per cent of total GDP, or the equivalent to Australia’s annual iron ore production.

“The NBN will facilitate greater health, education and economic opportunities while also enabling better video conferencing and faster downloads - it’s a shame the CLP continue to oppose this valuable advancement in technology.”

Member for Fannie Bay Michael Gunner welcomed today’s release of the NBN rollout plan, available at www.nbnco.com.au

“More people are choosing to live and work in the inner city, many of them young families and we need to match that choice by providing quality services,” Mr Gunner said.

“Stuart Park residents will be some of the first Territorians to get NBN fibre to their premises – that means fast quality Internet for many people whose only option has been patchy wireless services.”