

# Media Statement

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**DAVID BARTLETT MP  
PREMIER**

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## **NBN Stage 3 to Boost Jobs and Tasmanian Economy**

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The next stage of optic fibre roll out in Tasmania to connect another 52 areas throughout the State will drive job creation in Tasmania, Premier David Bartlett said today.

“The announcement that the Australian Government will spend \$100m on Stage 3 of the National Broadband Network rollout means that our target of creating 15,000 is well on the way.

“Not only will the rollout itself create hundreds of jobs but the connections in provides will generate new opportunities for wealth creation and jobs.

“It will mean, for example that a business in Cooe, East Devonport, Mt Stuart or Summerhill will be able to use the benefits of the fastest possible internet connections to grow their customer base.

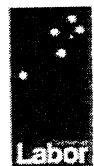
“It will mean that schools and children at home in Montello, Lindisfarne or Trevallyn to make even more use of the internet in their education.

“It will mean that people in Acton, Devonport, Bellerive and Mowbray will be able to access health care or home monitoring.”

Mr Bartlett made his comments in welcoming the announcement by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy, that Stage 3 of the NBN Tasmania rollout would extend to another 90,000 Tasmanian premises.

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“This is exciting stuff because more than ever it will make possible the sorts of jobs in Tasmania that our people once had to leave the State for.

“This will deliver new generation jobs and keep the momentum going in Tasmania’s economy.

“When stage three is completed it will mean that 100,000 Tasmanian premises – households, business, schools and hospitals – will be connected to ultrafast broadband,” Mr Bartlett said.

The Premier also announced that a re-elected Labor Government will commit \$500,000 to Aurora Energy for a purpose-built NBN training facility to be added to the Aurora Training Centre at Mornington, which is about to undergo a multi-million dollar re-development.

“It is because of Labor’s vision, in partnership with the Rudd Labor Government, that Tasmania will soon be the most connected place on the planet.

“Stages 1 and 2 will extend the Tasmanian optic fibre backbone and deliver better telecommunications services into regional Tasmania.

“Today’s announcement for Stage 3 brings the NBN to Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie.

“Ultimately 200,000 premises across Tasmania will be connected.”

“The NBN will break down the social and economic barriers between urban, regional and rural areas and deliver better health care, education, and business services to all Tasmanians.

“As well as the long term economic benefits that will flow to the state, hundreds of jobs will be created in the construction phase.

“We need to ensure that we have a well trained, fibre ready workforce to make the most of this opportunity.

“Aurora Energy and the Skills Institute are already partnering together to deliver the required training.

“Together with the establishment of a purpose-built NBN training facility, this will deliver significant long term education and employment benefits for the State.

“ICT is a vital part of Labor’s innovation strategy which will keep Tasmania’s economy strong for the next decade and beyond.

“That is why I announced last week that a re-elected Labor Government will establish a Minister of Innovation, Science and Information Technology.

“I also announced that Labor would provide \$4.85 million on a number of initiatives to use digital technology as an enabler to connect Tasmanians as a community and drive the growth of the Tasmanian economy.

“Telecommunications infrastructure will be to the 21st Century what the dams, poles and wires of the Hydro were to the 20th Century.

“The Liberal party wanted to privatise our optic fibre backbone which would have condemned Tasmania to forever having the worst broadband penetration in Australia.

“Only the Labor Party has the vision to ensure Tasmania is at the forefront of the technologies that will drive economic growth in the 21st Century.”

The rollout areas are:

### **Stage 1 Communities**

Midway Point	Scottsdale	Smithton
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### **State 2 Communities**

Deloraine	Kingston Beach	St Helens
George Town	Sorell	Triabunna
	South Hobart	

### **Stage 3 Communities**

<b>Burnie</b>	<b>Hobart</b>	<b>Launceston</b>
Action	Bellerive	East Launceston
Brooklyn	Derwent Park	Invermay
Burnie	Dowsing Point	King Meadows
Cooee	Glebe	Launceston

Downlands  
Hillcrest  
Montello  
Ocean Vista  
Parklands  
South Burnie  
Upper Burnie

Glenorchy  
Goodwood  
Hobart  
Howrah  
Kingston  
Lindisfarne  
Lutana  
Montagu Bay  
Mortrose  
Mornington  
Mount Stuart  
North Hobart  
Queens Domain  
Rose Bay  
Rosny  
Rosny Park  
South Hobart  
Warrane  
West Hobart

Mowbray  
Newstead  
Norwood  
Prospect  
Punchbowl  
Relbia  
South Launceston  
Summerhill  
Trevallyn  
Waverley  
West Launceston  
Youngtown

**Devonport**

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