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Mackellar residents to get more access to faster NBN

Dr Sophie Scamps, Independent MP for Mackellar

Another 2,500 households in Mackellar will soon be able to access much faster internet services via the National Broadband Network (NBN) thanks to the rollout of fibre to the premises (FTTP) in their area.

The Minister for Communications, Michelle Rowland and the Independent MP for Mackellar, Dr Sophie Scamps visited Cromer on Tuesday (12 December) to announce the latest upgrades.

The latest suburbs to benefit from the rollout of FTTP are **Belrose, Bilgola Plateau, Frenchs Forest and Narrabeen.**

These newly eligible premises will join the 3 million Australian homes and businesses previously served by a slower, less reliable copper connection that can already access full-fibre upgrades.

Mackellar is also home to one of Australia's largest manufacturers of optical fibre cable. The Prysmian Group produces state-of-the-art optical fibre cable for Telstra and other clients at its factories in Cromer and Liverpool.

One of its newest innovations is a high capacity flexible underwater cable that will be deployed under Sydney Harbour to link large data centres.

"I am so proud of Prysmian doing such great high tech manufacturing here in Mackellar," Dr Sophie Scamps said.

Mackellar is one of the biggest adopters of FTTP, which was one of the reasons the minister chose Mackellar for her announcement.

Some 10,000 premises in Mackellar have already upgraded to FTTP services which offer faster internet speeds and greater reliability.

"Small and medium businesses are the backbone of Mackellar," Dr Scamps said.

"We have a large creative community working in music, film and television, a large and successful tradie community and a myriad of service based industries."

"It's especially important for people working from home who need to upload and download large quantities of data such as video or who just need a very reliable connection," she said.

Managing director of Qbt consulting at Frenchs Forest, Ivan Nisbet, said: “IT services are now like water and electricity. “They are an essential service for every business,” he said.

Minister Rowland said: “Affordable, reliable and high-speed broadband is no longer a ‘nice to have’. It is absolutely essential to work, learn, transact, engage with government services and telehealth.”

“For many years, millions of Australians have been held back by slow and unreliable broadband on the ageing copper network.

“We’re getting on with the job of delivering a better NBN. Three million more Australian homes and businesses can now order full fibre due to the upgrade program – and today’s announcement will see another 400,000 premises eligible to order full fibre by the end of 2025.”

Mackellar has had over 10,000 premises complete the upgrade to full fibre so far.

FTTP is already available in the following suburbs:

- Bayview
- Church Point
- Ingleside
- Narrabeen
- North Narrabeen
- Elanora Heights
- Mona Vale
- Newport
- Warriewood
- Mona Vale

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