



## Media Release

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### NBN Co renews construction contract

NBN Co has renewed its construction contract with Silcar Pty Ltd for the rollout of fibre optic broadband in NSW, Queensland and the ACT.

The 12-month contract renewal sees Silcar continue the construction of the local and distribution network that runs fibre from a local communications exchange (fibre access node or FAN) through each street in a coverage area.

Up to 700 people will be working on the contract at peak.

There are now four major contractors rolling out fibre in NSW (Silcar, Visionstream, Transfield, Downer) and three in Queensland (Silcar, Visionstream, Downer).

NBN Co aims to deliver infrastructure for fast, reliable and affordable broadband to every Australian family and business by 2021. Up to 93 per cent are to receive a fibre optic connection, with satellite and fixed wireless to be delivered to rural and remote areas.

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