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Armidale's National Broadband Network expands

Armidale's first release site for the rollout of the National Broadband Network has been expanded with a second area being announced today by Mr Mike Quigley, the CEO of NBN Co Ltd.

The announcement has been welcomed by the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor.

"This is great news for Armidale and the New England to be included in the second release sites adding to the first release site announced a few months ago.

"I am delighted that NBN Co Ltd has decided to grow its commitment to their first release site and thank all who have been putting the project together.

"As I said when Armidale was announced as one of the five first release sites nationwide, the broadband network is the railway of the 21st Century and it will present many opportunities for country Australians," Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor is also pleased that Armidale people will be further consulted on the exact area to be covered.

"Mike Quigley has indicated in his release that 'Initially each site will see the network rolled out past approximately 3000 premises, but the exact area to be covered will be determined after further discussion with local authorities to ensure local considerations are factored into the final decision.'

"This means that those businesses and services that can make the most use of the new National Broadband Network particularly for E-Health and education will be able to access the high speed service thereby delivering better results for the community.

"I look forward to the expansion of the network coming to fruition and encourage people in the area to look at how they can maximise its benefits to their business and services.

"Its use is only limited by imagination," Mr Windsor said.

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