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NBN now available and will unlock possibilities in Mitchell: Maranoa MP

SUPERFAST broadband will be switched on Mitchell this week as the town has been connected to the National Broadband Network's (NBN) fibre-to-the-node (FTTN), Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"I've received confirmation from NBN Co that FTTN technology will be available this week to more than 500 homes and businesses in Mitchell," Mr Littleproud said.

"Just remember that switching to the NBN isn't automatic – residents and businesses need to contact their preferred service provider and place an order to move their landline phone and internet services over to the NBN network.

"Modern telecommunications infrastructure is essential as it provides the platform we need to connect us not only with friends and family but also with limitless possibilities worldwide.

"Regional areas in Maranoa will greatly benefit from e-learning, tele-medicine, video conferencing, tourism and business opportunities which a faster internet connection will provide.

"Breaks in our communications hinder emergency services, tourism, education and business growth and that's why telecommunications is a major focus for me."

Switching to the NBN isn't automatic. All you need to do is simply contact a retail service provider to sign up to the NBN and – while this connection is exciting – Mr Littleproud said you shouldn't feel pressured to sign-up straight away.

"I urge you to do your homework and find the best internet plan and provider for you, your family or business," he said.

"Everyone connected to the fixed line NBN will have 18 months to make the switch before the old copper network is turned off.

"The NBN isn't just about the internet – it's your phone too. Also remember to talk to your provider for any other landline services such as medical alarms, eftpos, fire or fax machines."

FACT BOX: Want to find out more?

- Check your address on the NBN website at www.nbn.com.au/check to find out more on the rollout. Once your premise is active, you will be able to see a list of the available providers in your area to assist with choosing the right NBN provider and plan for you.

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