



# **Amanda Rishworth MP**

## **Member for Kingston**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Willunga First to Benefit from High-Speed Broadband Network**

Federal Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth welcomed today's announcement from the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy and NBN Co CEO Mike Quigley of the first five sites to receive high speed broadband on mainland Australia, as part of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

"I am thrilled that Willunga households and businesses will be the first site in South Australia to be receive high-speed broadband on the mainland" Ms Rishworth said.

"NBN Co will use Willunga as the first live test of network's design and construction methods and this provide crucial information to assist in the roll out of the NBN both elsewhere in our community and across the country" Ms Rishworth said.

Following the design phase, actual construction work on the test sites will be delivered in a staged roll out.

"After the design phase is completed Willunga residents will see the first building blocks of the rollout as soon as the second half of the year."

NBN Co will consult with the community about its plans during the design phase. It is expected that the community will then be able to receive high speed broadband services following the completion of construction early next year.

NBN Co will be using the first sites to test different construction techniques to suit different geographical regions across Australia. It follows comprehensive testing in its integration labs."

"Not only is this announcement a historic milestone for the Willunga and broader community, but also proof of my commitment made at the last election to deliver better broadband services to Southern Adelaide residents" Ms Rishworth said.

Local residents like Sarah Harding are encouraged by the world-class communication opportunities the trial will bring to Willunga.

“I’m very excited about the National Broadband Network and the possibilities it will bring,” said Ms Harding.

“Access to faster broadband will mean that I will now be able to access my emails and complete my University work from home,” said Ms Harding.

As one of Adelaide’s fastest growing economic and residential regions, it is important that businesses, students and residents in the South are equipped with the right tools for the future.

“For too long local residents like Ms Harding have been disadvantaged by the lack of infrastructure and services available to Willunga and I’m pleased today’s announcement will now enable students and businesses to meet the demands of the 21 Century,” Ms Rishworth said.

The NBN will drive major productivity and growth opportunities right across Australia ensuring the rollout is successful.

“On the oppositions watch, Australia languished behind the rest of the world on broadband penetration, speeds and pricing – not to mention the deterioration of consumer service levels across the telecommunications sector” Ms Rishworth said.

“Since being elected the Rudd Government has time and time again supported employment and business opportunities in the South and today’s announcement further strengthens that commitment,” Ms Rishworth said.

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