



Media Release

Amanda Rishworth MP Federal Member for Kingston

HIGH SPEED BROADBAND: COMING TO YOUR TOWN

Federal Labor MP, Amanda Rishworth MP today said the South is set to join the digital revolution, with internet speeds up to 100 times faster than they are now.

The Gillard Labor Government today released for the first time maps outlining the path for the new network to stretch across Australia under the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The maps:

- show that every house, school and business in Australia will have access to high speed broadband under the NBN
- confirm optical fibre will be extended to 93 per cent of homes and businesses in more than 1,000 cities and towns by the end of the roll-out
- show how communities will be served by next generation wireless and satellite technologies under the NBN

Local cities and towns set to be connected to the optical fibre network include **McLaren Vale; Sellicks Beach; Silver Sands and Willunga.**

The NBN will offer speeds of 100 megabits per second – 100 times faster than many people experience today.

The Gillard Labor Government also announced that NBN Co will deliver next generation wireless and satellite services with speeds of 12 megabits per second.

This would provide average data rates more than 20 times higher than most users experience today.

Ms Rishworth said “Local families, businesses and schools will enjoy the benefits of faster, modern technology – sharing the same advantages as the cities.

“It will make regional economies more competitive, ensure our students have the best quality education and put an end to download delays at home.

“But Tony Abbott would cut the connection and end the roll-out of the National Broadband Network.

“He would send our community backwards – he is a risk to our regional economy and to quality education in the area.

“Communities in this region have been crying out for better broadband after 12 years and 18 failed broadband plans from the former Coalition government.”