

**Information provided at the Workshop on
"Practical tools to be prepared for a changing future – Queanbeyan-Palerang Region"
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hosted by Regional Development Australia, NSW Reconstruction Authority
and NBN Co**

NSW Reconstruction Authority

The presentation provided by the NSW Reconstruction Authority is [here](#).

This covered background on the [NSW Reconstruction Authority](#), small business support and resources given by the [NSW Small Business Commissioner](#), including [guides](#) to prepare for and recover from disaster, and the [resources provided](#) by Get Ready NSW.

The [Canberra Region Joint Organisation \(CRJO\) Resilience Blueprint](#) was also highlighted as providing resources for individual LGAs and providing a framework for local planning, community engagement, and preparedness. The South east NSW Resilience Blueprint PDF is [here](#).

National Broadband Developments

Presentation given by Nicole Fosteris – Regional Development & Engagement Manager – South East NSW – NBN Co.

Eligible homes and businesses in Braidwood are now benefitting from local nbn upgrades to the fibre and fixed wireless networks. Upgrades to the network locally include:

- Full fibre upgrades to 640 homes and businesses
- Upgrades to the local Fixed Wireless network under the Fixed Wireless Upgrade Program.

Upgrading to full fibre delivers a range of benefits for customers when compared to copper connections, including smoother video calls, enhanced streaming, quicker response times for gaming, and the ability to connect more devices simultaneously – including smart TVs, home security systems, and smart home technology.

To upgrade to full fibre, eligible new and existing customers must place an order for an eligible high-speed plan (at least 100 Mbps download) through an internet service provider.

nbn has also rolled out a significant enhancement to the Fixed Wireless network. With a \$750 million investment—\$480 million from the Australian Government and \$270 million from NBN Co—bringing faster speeds and greater capacity to more than 800,000 homes and businesses across Australia.

Speeds have been significantly boosted with Fixed Wireless Home Fast now available to about 90 per cent of the expanded Fixed Wireless footprint and is expected to offer peak wholesale speeds of about 200-250/8-20 Mbps.

To find out more about the benefits of nbn Fixed Wireless Upgrades or upgrading to FTTP or to confirm your eligibility [click here](#) or speak to your Telco.

Fact sheets provided by NBN Co:

- [nbn upgrade FAQs and plans](#)
- [nbn optimising business internet setup](#)
- [nbn business plan](#)
- [nbn emergency preparedness](#)

Welcome Experience

The Welcome Experience is designed to facilitate, attract, prepare and welcome essential workers to regional, rural and remote NSW. Information on the NSW Government “Welcome Experience” is [here](#) or contact Lisa LaMaitre lisa.lamaitre@rdasna.org.au with any questions about this program.

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