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ECCI WELCOMES NBN ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry has warmly welcomed today's announcement that Esperance will be included in the next roll-out of the National Broadband Network.

Tori Castledine, ECCI Corporate Manager, said that the ECCI had been eagerly awaiting this announcement.

"The ECCI has been strongly lobbying the current and previous federal governments to include Esperance in one of the first roll-outs, and it was very disappointing to continually be left off the list," Ms Castledine said.

"We're very pleased that Esperance has finally been included in the roll-out. The NBN has the capabilities to allow our local businesses to compete, grow and develop and we look forward to the opportunities the NBN will bring."

NBN Co has announced that construction will start between now and September 2016.

"While September 2016 feels like it's a long way away, we're pleased to finally be on the list to receive NBN," Ms Castledine said.

79 000 homes are expected to be connected to the NBN in this latest roll-out, which also includes areas surrounding Hopetoun, Broome, Denmark, Fremantle, Katanning, Edgewater, Manjimup, Northam and Bassendean.

Esperance residents can monitor the progress of the NBN roll-out by visiting www.nbnco.com.au/rolloutplan

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