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Topic: Underserved areas - South Australia

Senator Simms, Robert asked:

Senator SIMMS: My questions relate to my home state. As a South Australian, I am going to focus a little bit on that. In October last year, the nbn released a timetable outlining when suburbs throughout Australia would be connected to the network, and the government described it as ambitious but achievable in terms of the time frame. When outlining this timetable, did the nbn prioritise any known broadband black spots in South Australia?

Mr Morrow: By black spots, do you mean the underserved areas that have no broadband coverage at all?

Senator SIMMS: Yes.

Mr Morrow: As I was mentioning—I do not think you were here.

Senator SIMMS: I do apologise. I did miss some of the earlier.

Mr Morrow: No worries. The government has mandated us that we prioritise underserved areas. One of the ways in which we do that is that, on the aggregate level, we look at statistics constantly to say: on a proportionate basis, we are building more in the underserved areas than we are in the served areas. I can assure you, Senator, that we are following that rule and sticking to it. On a more granular level, in a detailed state or in a suburb area, that proportion might not look that way. I would have to check for you. If you have the specific areas we can look at to see what is in South Australia as far as where there are underserved areas and how that deployment is going, I can get that information.

Senator SIMMS: If you can get that information for me that would be good.

Mr Morrow: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

nbn tracks underserved areas as categories D and E in aggregate as defined in the Broadband Availability and Quality Report (BAQP) report that was published by the Department of Communications in February 2014.

The primary unit of analysis for the BAQP report is the Telstra Distribution Area (DA). A DA is a network component of a Telstra Exchange Service Area (ESA) and typically comprises 100 to 200 premises. DAs are assessed against an A (highest) to E (lowest) rating scale for availability and quality.

The premises that are in categories D and E are located in regional or remote areas of Australia, or in small pockets of poor service in metropolitan and outer metropolitan areas.

In accordance with the April 2014 Statement of Expectations, nbn's rollout of the multi-technology mix is prioritising underserved areas to the extent commercially and operationally feasible.

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Please see below some of the underserved localities in South Australia and the calendar year they will be served in the fixed line footprint.

LOCALITY NAME	State	Year
ADELAIDE	SA	2018
ALBERTON	SA	2018
ASCOT PARK	SA	2016
ATHELSTONE	SA	2018
ATHOL PARK	SA	2018
BALAKLAVA	SA	2017
BEAUMONT	SA	2018
BELAIR	SA	2016
BELLEVUE HEIGHTS	SA	2016
BLACKWOOD	SA	2016
BLAIR ATHOL	SA	2016
BRIDGEWATER	SA	2017
BROADVIEW	SA	2018
BURNSIDE	SA	2018
CAMDEN PARK	SA	2018
CEDUNA	SA	2018
CHELtenham	SA	2018
CHRISTIES BEACH	SA	2017
CLAPHAM	SA	2016
CLOVELLY PARK	SA	2016
COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS	SA	2016
COOPER PEDY	SA	2017
CRAIGMORE	SA	2018
CROYDON PARK	SA	2018
CRYSTAL BROOK	SA	2016
DAW PARK	SA	2016
DUDLEY PARK	SA	2018
EDEN HILLS	SA	2016
EDWARDSTOWN	SA	2016
ELIZABETH EAST	SA	2018
ELIZABETH GROVE	SA	2018
ELIZABETH PARK	SA	2018
ELIZABETH VALE	SA	2018
ENFIELD	SA	2017
ETHELTON	SA	2017
EVANSTON	SA	2016
EVANSTON PARK	SA	2016
EXETER	SA	2017

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FLAGSTAFF HILL	SA	2018
FULLARTON	SA	2018
GAWLER BELT	SA	2016
GAWLER EAST	SA	2016
GILLES PLAINS	SA	2018
GILLMAN	SA	2018
GLANVILLE	SA	2017
GLEN OSMOND	SA	2018
GLENBURNIE	SA	2017
GLENELG	SA	2018
GLENSIDE	SA	2018
GOOLWA	SA	2017
GOOLWA BEACH	SA	2017
GOOLWA SOUTH	SA	2017
GRANGE	SA	2018
GREEN FIELDS	SA	2018
GREENWITH	SA	2018
HACKHAM	SA	2017
HAHNDORF	SA	2016
HALLETT COVE	SA	2016
HAMPSTEAD GARDENS	SA	2018
HAPPY VALLEY	SA	2017
HAWTHORNDENE	SA	2016
HAZELWOOD PARK	SA	2018
HEWETT	SA	2016
HILLBANK	SA	2018
HILLCREST	SA	2018
HINDMARSH	SA	2018
HINDMARSH ISLAND	SA	2017
HOLDEN HILL	SA	2018
INGLE FARM	SA	2017
JOSLIN	SA	2018
KADINA	SA	2016
KEITH	SA	2016
KENT TOWN	SA	2018
KILBURN	SA	2016
KINGSTON SE	SA	2016
LARGS BAY	SA	2017
LARGS NORTH	SA	2017
LITTLEHAMPTON	SA	2016
LONSDALE	SA	2017

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LOWER MITCHAM	SA	2016
LYNTON	SA	2016
MANNINGHAM	SA	2018
MANNUM	SA	2016
MELROSE PARK	SA	2016
MIDDLETON	SA	2017
MITCHELL PARK	SA	2016
MORPHETT VALE	SA	2017
MORPHETTVILLE	SA	2016
MOUNT BARKER	SA	2016
MOUNT GAMBIER	SA	2017
MURRAY BRIDGE	SA	2016
MYRTLE BANK	SA	2018
NEW PORT	SA	2017
NOARLUNGA CENTRE	SA	2018
NOARLUNGA DOWNS	SA	2018
NORTH ADELAIDE	SA	2017
NORTHGATE	SA	2018
NORWOOD	SA	2018
NOVAR GARDENS	SA	2018
OAKDEN	SA	2018
ONKAPARINGA HILLS	SA	2017
O'SULLIVAN BEACH	SA	2017
OTTOWAY	SA	2018
PANORAMA	SA	2016
PARADISE	SA	2018
PARAFIELD GARDENS	SA	2018
PARK HOLME	SA	2016
PASADENA	SA	2016
PAYNEHAM	SA	2018
PENNINGTON	SA	2018
PETERBOROUGH	SA	2016
PETERHEAD	SA	2017
PLYMPTON PARK	SA	2016
POORAKA	SA	2017
PORT ADELAIDE	SA	2018
PORT LINCOLN	SA	2017
PORT NOARLUNGA	SA	2018
PORT PIRIE	SA	2017
PORT PIRIE WEST	SA	2017
QUEENSTOWN	SA	2018

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ROSEWATER	SA	2018
ROXBY DOWNS	SA	2017
ROYAL PARK	SA	2018
ROYSTON PARK	SA	2018
SALISBURY HEIGHTS	SA	2018
SEFTON PARK	SA	2018
SEMAPHORE	SA	2017
SEMAPHORE PARK	SA	2017
SEMAPHORE SOUTH	SA	2017
SOUTH PLYMPTON	SA	2016
ST MARYS	SA	2016
ST PETERS	SA	2018
STIRLING	SA	2017
SUTTONTOWN	SA	2017
TAILEM BEND	SA	2016
TANUNDA	SA	2017
THEVENARD	SA	2018
TORRENS PARK	SA	2016
UPPER STURT	SA	2017
URAILDA	SA	2017
URRBRAE	SA	2018
VALE PARK	SA	2018
WALLAROO MINES	SA	2016
WEST LAKES	SA	2018
WEST LAKES SHORE	SA	2017
WOODCROFT	SA	2017