

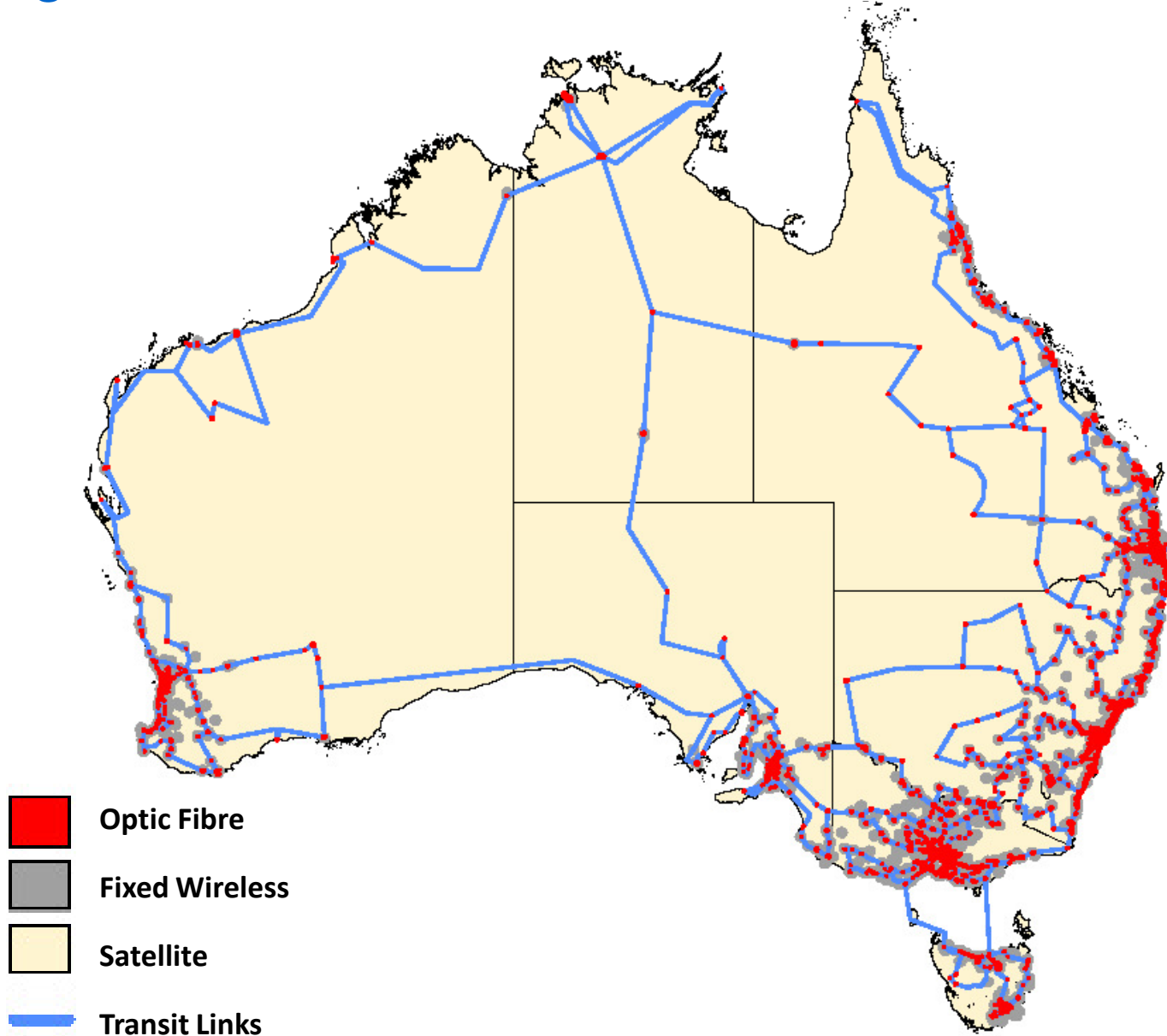


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Coverage of the National Broadband Network



The NBN is already well under way



First and Second Release Sites – 19 additional sites later this year



- Major cities
- First release sites
- Second release sites

Regional Backbone Blackspots Program – over 4000km completed



- RBBP Priority Location
- RBBP Backbone Infrastructure
- Fibre rolled out
- Major Competitive Backbone Links

Regional Backbone Blackspots Program – All Routes

Legislation

- Major regulatory reforms to existing framework
- Promoting competition and consumer benefits
- Streamlining arrangements for telecommunications providers
- Protecting consumers
- Landmark reforms

Opportunities

Examples Sectors



Health services

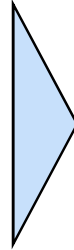


Example applications

- Remote consultation via videoconferencing by city specialists
- Elimination of travel over long distances



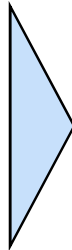
Education



- Online learning materials
- Online libraries
- Remote interactive classrooms
- Collaborative online tools
- Music lessons



Online trading



- Access to markets by farmers
- Online auctions
- Virtual sales
- Single transfer of stock

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Government Action

- Measures for consistent approach to digital economy
- 50,000 Australian businesses online
- E-security and cyber safety frameworks
- Convergence Review
- Assisting Prime Minister for Digital Productivity
 - A coordinated approach to maximise productivity benefits



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