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## Quigley marks the spot

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THE national broadband network rollout is stepping up, with the carrier starting construction on fibre rollouts to its one-millionth premises this week, as opposed to the official figure for homes passed of 431,000.

Homes are passed when they are ready to be plugged in. The point being that the fibre rollout is picking up just as predicted by former boss Mike Quigley, but it will really takeoff next year after the deals are done with Optus and Telstra on the HFC cables.

Cable homes will be quickly annexed into the service.

NBN will shortly release its 18-month rollout plan, which will detail when and where it will land over the period.

The decisive deal with Telstra is due by the year's end.

NBN executives, led by chief financial officer Stephen Rue, are due to front a Senate estimates committee hearing this week.