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Topic: Towns – Planned Satellite

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: I am happy for you to take this on notice: can you provide a list of every town in Australia that is planned to be served with satellite.

Mr Morrow: We will take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: I am happy for you to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Sky Muster™ service will provide satellite broadband services to any eligible premises outside the fixed line (estimated to be 92%) and fixed wireless footprint (estimated to be 5%).

nbn is currently undertaking an optimisation exercise to determine the most efficient and cost-effective means of providing services in the fixed wireless (5%) and satellite (3%) footprints - in all a total of 8% of premises. This means there will still be some change in localities that are inside or outside the areas to be served by either of these technologies. Remote islands such as Cocos, Christmas, Norfolk and Lord Howe are planned to be served by satellite, however on mainland Australia and Tasmania a list of localities to be served by satellite, because of their typically small and dispersed nature, is likely to be extensive and to provide such a list would require a significant diversion of resources. To accommodate enquiries about technologies **nbn** is working to update the address function on its website which will eventually enable end-users to search for information on satellite coverage.