

Birkdale area upgrade to fibre

Our houses are in Telstra distribution area WEPN20 (see map overleaf). NBNCo plans to connect all Telstra **copper** to a 'node' by **January 2019**.

We have the option to upgrade from **copper to fibre** as an area before construction begins. NBNCo calls this upgrade process an '**area switch from FTTN to FTTP**'.

A community application must be lodged with NBNCo with **unanimous** support of all affected properties (~180 houses) during the planning phase (2017).

<http://www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business/technology-choice-program.html>

Why would we want to do this?

Fibre to the premises can **add \$10,000** to the real estate value of your property.

Fibre cabinets don't use electricity and fibre can **work perfectly when wet**.

Fibre is future-proof, being capable of speeds **10,000 times faster** than copper, and **1,000 times faster** than fixed wireless or cable.

There are the 'haves', and there are the 'have-nots'.

An area upgrade is not free

The federal government has already allocated budget for a copper refurbishment. Communities that instead want fibre brought to their house **must pay the difference**

approx. **\$2,500** per house

This is an estimate. The actual cost is established by NBNCo during the application process. Compare this with an individual house upgrade that costs on average **\$20,000** each.

Unanimous support required

Without the support of **all** property owners in the affected area, an area upgrade ("Technology Choice Area Switch") application cannot be made.

Are you interested?

At this stage I am soliciting indications of support *and* non-support. With sufficient support, the next steps will be to form an association (\$10 each), to submit the group application fee to start the process.

Please have the property owner email, SMS or call me.

Please mention your street address and first name.

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Distribution Area WEPN20 Serviced property map

