



BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Project name	Futureproofing Telecommunications in Norfolk Island
Grant Recipient	Norfolk Island Regional Council
Project funding	Total: \$4,600,000 Australian Government Funding: \$3,450,000
Federal Electorate	Canberra
State Electorate	N/A
Project status	Funding Announcement
Key dates	Project expected to commence: 24 September 2018 Project expected completion: 20 December 2019
Jobs	During delivery – as advised by the applicant: 40 Of these, how many are Indigenous: 0 Ongoing post delivery – as advised by the applicant: 40 Of these, how many are Indigenous: 0
Sensitivities:	Nil

Project funding breakdown

Funding source	Total \$
Australian Government	\$3,450,000
Norfolk Island Regional Council	\$1,150,000
Total	\$4,600,000

Key Government Messages

- The Australian Government is committed to delivering jobs, productivity improvements and economic growth to all Australians.
- The Australian Government is investing in Regional Australia to foster stronger regional communities to ensure the nation’s prosperity continues in the future.

Overview of the Building Better Regions Fund

- The Australian Government is investing \$641 million over five years from 2017-18 to 2021-22 in the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).
- The BBRF aims to create jobs, drive economic growth, and build stronger regional communities into the future.
- The two streams of funding available under the program are:
 - The Infrastructure Projects stream supports projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.
 - The Community Investments stream funds community building activities including, but not limited to new or expanded local events, strategic regional planning, and leadership and capability building activities.
- The BBRF is investing in projects located outside the major capital cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, and Canberra.
- Details of funding rounds and programme guidelines for the BBRF are available at www.business.gov.au/bbrf.

Key project facts

- The Australian Government is committing \$3.45 million to the \$4.6 million Futureproofing Telecommunications in Norfolk Island project.
- The Norfolk Island Regional Council will provide the remaining \$1.15 million towards the project.
- It will be funded under the \$641 million Building Better Regions Fund.
- The project will install a 4G network on Norfolk Island to replace an obsolete and failing 2G network.
- The project is expected to deliver economic benefits through the provision of a current and reliable mobile telecommunication network linking the community to the mainland and the rest of the world in real time.
- The project is expected to deliver social benefits through increases in regional amenity with the installation of 4G technology on the island and enabling real time access to the mainland.
- Key design features of this project include:
 - extending the Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer network to cover the black spots with installation of five new base stations;
 - upgrading the O3B Antenna and the Satellite Earth Station;
 - installation of fit for purpose Hotspot Wifi infrastructure; and
 - unlocking mobile data capacity on Norfolk Island.
- This project is expected to create 40 jobs during delivery of the project, and another 40 ongoing jobs post delivery.