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Full Fibre Rollout: What It Means for Business Phones

From July 2026, hundreds of thousands more Australian premises become eligible for a free full-fibre upgrade, and copper is being retired for good.

The NBN is accelerating its move to **full fibre (FTTP)**. From **July 2026**, the high-speed-plan requirement is being dropped, so about **600,000 more FTTC premises** become eligible for a free fibre upgrade, part of a program backed by up to **\$3 billion** in government funding plus over **\$800 million** from NBN to shift hundreds of thousands of premises off legacy copper by **2030**. A separate **Targeted Upgrade program** will move roughly **130,000** remaining copper premises to fibre or disconnect them, with notifications from **July 2027**. The key point for business: you do **not** need full fibre for a great phone system today. VOCPhone works beautifully over any NBN technology now, because voice uses only around 100 kbps per call.

■ The short version

Technology	Typical upload	Latency & consistency	Great for business voice?
FTTC (Fibre to the Curb)	Good	Low	✓ Excellent for most
HFC (Cable)	Moderate	Good	✓ Works well
FTTN (Fibre to the Node)	Varies with distance	Good, can vary	✓ Fine for typical volumes
Fixed Wireless	Moderate	Higher, weather-sensitive	~ Works; add mobile failover

■ Key points

- Fibre or Not, Your Phone System Should Be Ready

⚠ If your business is still on copper

Whether it is a copper phone line hanging on or an FTTN/FTTC broadband service, the message is the same: **plan the move now, on your own terms.** Migrating to fibre and a modern cloud phone proactively is far less painful than being forced into a rushed change when a disconnection notice lands on the doormat.

■ Questions the full guide answers

- ☐ What is changing with NBN full-fibre upgrades in 2026?
- ☐ Is the old copper NBN being switched off?
- ☐ Do I need full fibre to run a business phone system?
- ☐ How does full fibre improve business calls?
- ☐ How do I check if my business is eligible for a free fibre upgrade?

This is the summary. The guide has the detail.

Every point above is worked through in full on our site, with the Australian context, the numbers and the exceptions. If you would rather talk it through, call **1300 663 222** or visit vocphone.com/about/contact-us.