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# 'Gamblers get NBN'

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NBN Co released an updated construction map of the fibre network last week to include the Burswood and further up Great Eastern Highway.

But Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons said services were lacking in other areas that deserved priority.

"There are broadband black spots in Cloverdale and Kewdale in particular yet these residents are still on a never ending waiting list," he said.

"Instead the Government has prioritised the casino, which is good for gamblers but not much good for the broadband black spots in Swan."

Mr Irons said despite all the announcements, broadband was yet to be delivered.

Carol Hanlon from the Belmont business enterprise centre (BEC) said with a large number of home businesses in the Victoria Park area the introduction of the national broadband network (NBN) was crucial.

"The NBN is great and now that it is finally heading our way to Burswood and up Great Eastern Highway in Belmont is just fantastic," she said.

"Belmont has struggled on and off for over 10 to 15 years with dial-up and broadband black spots.

"Wireless has helped some of these problems but you still get dropouts with wifi so it is not suited for large data transfer.

"Besides the Belmont area, we (Belmont BEC) also assist over 1000 residents and small businesses in the Victoria Park and South Perth areas and the NBN will be of great benefit to every single business not only home based business."

Ms Hanlon said being able to transfer data without interruption at database speeds and trade globally was vital in today's global marketplace.

With the new construction map released NBN Co's construction partners could now undertake detailed on-site design and survey works leading to the installation of fibre in months to come.

It would take approximately 12 months from the start of construction until residents and business owners would be able to order active high-speed broadband services.

Labor Senator for Western Australia Mark Bishop said despite the proximity to the city there were significant black spots in broadband services across the Swan electorate.

"I am very pleased the construction phase of the project in Victoria Park has been powering along and in the very near future local businesses will have access to super fast and reliable internet services," he said.

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