

Your Federal Member for Macarthur

Dr Mike Freelander MP

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Where is your NBN at?

One thing is for certain – Malcolm Turnbull's rollout of the NBN is a complete and utter mess.

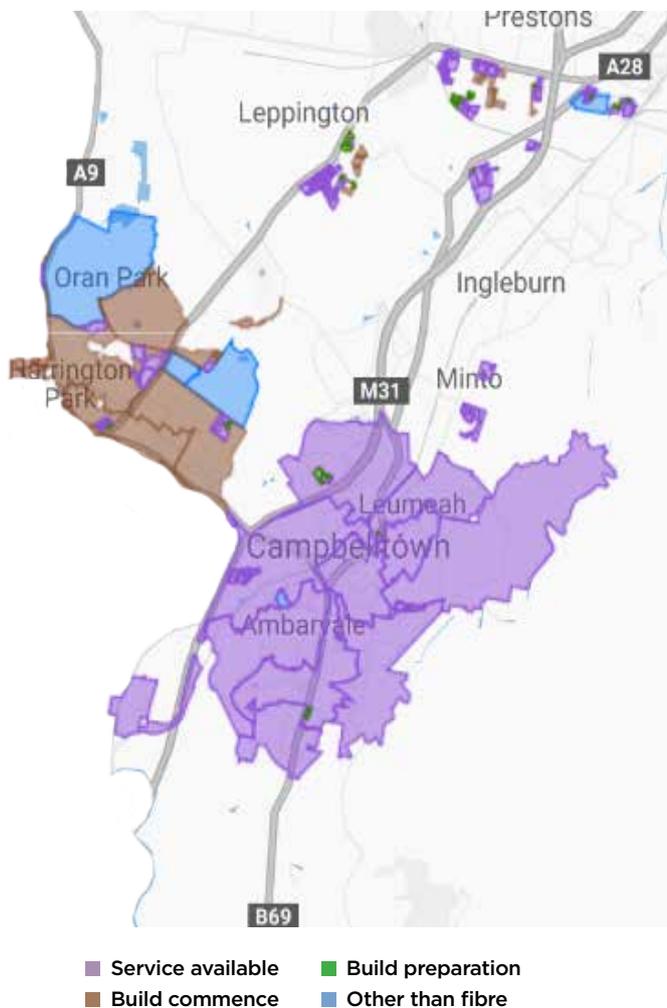
The National Broadband Network has been rolled out in many suburbs in Macarthur, but just because your suburb is listed as having the NBN does not mean you will be able access it.

The NBN and issues relating to it have become the most dominant issue that is dealt with by my office.

The rollout of the NBN has been slow and patchy, but the biggest issue is that we just don't know what is going on.

There is a lot that the NBNCo and the network providers are not telling you:

- ▶ In suburbs where the NBN has been rolled out 1% of households will not be able to connect
- ▶ If you are part of that 1% you will not know and neither will your network providers
- ▶ If your house internet speed does not reach download speeds of 50 megabits per second and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second NBNCo will not connect you
- ▶ While NBNCo does intend on connecting every premises it could take up to 18 months for this to happen.



If you have any enquiries about the NBN please don't hesitate to get in contact with my office.

Message from Mike

Hi Everyone,

Thanks for reading my first newsletter as the Federal MP for Macarthur.

I feel very humbled that you have elected me and I promise I will do my best to fulfil your faith in me. I sense a very positive aura in Macarthur and I have been amazed at the sense of purpose from councils, local members Greg Warren, Anoulack Chanthivong and Chris Patterson, as well as local businesses, Western Sydney University, local service providers and constituents to make Macarthur fit for the future.

I like Christmas time as it allows us time to reflect on both the past and the future, gives us time to indulge our children and thank our families for their support throughout the year.

I am determined to be as available to you as I can be. I now have a new office and I am already in Parliament presenting those issues that I promised I would pursue; roads and public transport, medical services, education, early childhood education, the NBN and the NDIS.

Please let me know any issues I can help you with.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Dr Mike Freelander MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR
MACARTHUR





Out and about in Macarthur

24 hour fight against cancer Macarthur



The 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur is a fundraising movement to provide the Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre, the Oncology Ward and the Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit at Campbelltown Hospital and the Palliative Care Unit and associated Outreach services at Camden Hospital with extra services and equipment they need.

Christmas Toy Drive



Christmas should be a time of joy, giving and being with the ones we love. However for many vulnerable families Christmas is a time of loneliness, sadness and disappointment.

This Christmas my office will be running a toy drive to provide some joy for the vulnerable children in our community.

We are asking everyone who can to bring in an unwrapped gift that will then be donated to women and children's shelters and service providers across the Macarthur electorate.



My local school Christmas Card Competition winners

The overall winner of my Christmas Card Competition was the Infants Wallaby Class at Mary Brooksbank School.

THERE WERE ALSO WINNERS FROM EACH SCHOOL:

Charlotte Cornett (St Paul's Catholic Primary), **Tiarne Travers** (St Andrews Public School), **Karli Gosling** (Thomas Acres Public School), **Mia** (Eschol Park Public School) and **Annabelle Joyce** (Minto Public School).

Thank you to all the schools who participated for your fantastic entries.



THE WINNING ENTRY.

Opening of Volunteer Grant Funding

The Federal Government has opened applications for Volunteer Grants. Grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to help not-for-profit community organisations or groups support their volunteers through practical measures.

The Volunteer Grants 2016 Application Pack is available from the Department of Social Services' website at www.dss.gov.au/grants. Alternatively you can contact the Volunteer Grants 2016 Hotline on **1800 020 283** or email grants@dss.gov.au.

Applications for Volunteer Grants 2016 close at 2pm on Tuesday 20 December 2016.

Paint the Town REaD at Macarthur Square:

Paint the Town REaD is an early literacy strategy that encourages all levels of the community to read, talk, sing and rhyme with children from birth so that they are ready for reading and writing by the time they start school.



Local Schools in Canberra

Many year 5 and 6 six students come down to Canberra to learn about how our political system works. I decided to join the students from St John the Evangelist in Campbelltown to see if I could learn a few tips for myself.



2016 Macquarie Fields and Campbelltown Police Aboriginal Debutante Ball.

Jenny Macklin visits the Macarthur Disability Services



Hon Jenny Macklin Shadow Minister for Disabilities visited the Macarthur Disability Services (MDS) facilities to discuss the rollout of the NDIS.

Local NDIS Forum

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is currently being rolled out in the Macarthur region. While this scheme will be of great benefit for thousands of people in our community with disabilities, navigating the rollout of the scheme has been difficult for many.

I will be hosting a forum with representatives from the disability sector that will aim to address many of the concerns that have been raised with me.

WHEN: 10am, 5 December 2016

WHERE: Greg Percival Community Centre Ingleburn

RSVP:

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or 4620 0293

**SPREAD
THE WORD
AND HOPE
TO SEE YOU
THERE.**

Dr Mike Freeland MP says

“Don't let the Liberals open Badgerys Creek Airport without a train line.”

The Federal Liberal Government is planning to open Western Sydney Airport without a train line. The Badgerys Creek train line is essential to give Macarthur the transport system it desperately needs.

**SIGN
THE
PETITION**

Sign the petition: Build a train line to Western Sydney Airport.

We the undersigned call on the Liberal Federal Government to build the Badgerys Creek train line to the Western Sydney Airport site.

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Please sign and return your completed petition to: Dr Mike Freeland MP, PO Box 88, Campbelltown NSW 2560. You can scan and return by email to Mike.Freeland.MP@aph.gov.au
For more petitions please phone Dr Mike Freeland's office on **(02) 4620 0293**.



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AVAILABLE
TO HELP**

As your local MP, I can help you and your family with enquiries or problems with Commonwealth Government departments including the Family Assistance Office, Medicare, Pharmaceutical Benefits, Superannuation, Taxation, Workplace Relations, Veterans Affairs, Citizenship, Passports, Centrelink, Immigration, Defence, Science, Sport and the Arts. **Dr Mike Freeland MP** FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACARTHUR