

Ultrafast broadband speeds available in Telstra Velocity Estates

3 December 2009 – Telstra customers living in Velocity estates now have access to ultrafast broadband speeds, following the completion of an upgrade of the Telstra Velocity® fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) network.

The upgrade will increase network download capacity to up to 100Mbps* for sharing among multiple users and devices within the household. These speeds are so fast that they exceed the capabilities of many content servers and individual computers.

Telstra's Urban Development Group National Sales Manager, Ms Kathrine Dyer said the Telstra Velocity network services more than 4000 customers in 75 new housing developments with a further 49 estates either planned or under construction.

"We have built our Velocity network in Greenfield developments across Australia giving residents access to a total home and lifestyle communications and entertainment solution.

"This upgrade will give Velocity estate residents access to an ultra fast, multi-user experience and enable them to continue to access the communication and entertainment services they need now and into the future," she said.

"As the family home now connects multiple computers and devices to the internet, increased bandwidth allows members of the family to receive a better internet experience when they are all online at the same time.

"The completion of this network upgrade means multiple family members can surf the internet, play games online or download movies simultaneously," Ms Dyer said.

Today's announcement follows Telstra's upgrade to the Melbourne hybrid fibre coaxial (HFC) Cable broadband network which will benefit nearly one million homes.

"This network upgrade continues Telstra's strategy of bringing high-speed broadband to more Australians, as the company has done with the Next G™ network – Australia's largest and fastest national mobile broadband network, and the extension of the ADSL2+ footprint to over 1800 Telstra exchanges nationwide..."

Customers should call 1800 008 994 to order an ultrafast Velocity service. For further details, including pricing and plans, visit: <http://www.telstra.com.au/smartcommunity/assets/velocity-rate-card.pdf>

*Maximum download speeds are based on Telstra tests. Average speeds will be lower and actual speeds will vary due to a number of factors including ONT type, router, server limitations, Wi-Fi reception/capacity, network configuration, member premises interference, traffic, hardware and software. To achieve maximum speeds existing Velocity customers may need to purchase a new router and internal Optical Network Termination device (ONT) from Telstra.

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