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## ETSA Utilities wins Willunga NBN construction contract

ETSA Utilities has welcomed news that it has been appointed to manage construction of NBN Co Limited's 'first-release site' at Willunga.

NBN Co is rolling out a high-speed broadband fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP) network to five first release sites on mainland Australia as part of live trials of design and construction methods for a national broadband roll out.

"We are thrilled to be involved in the first stage of this national project," said ETSA Utilities CEO Rob Stobbe. "Willunga is a unique town and it can take some pride in being selected as a first-release site."

Apart from its role as South Australia's electricity distributor, ETSA Utilities has a long-established role in the competitive infrastructure market and telecommunications.

Major private sector projects (as project manager/constructor) include electrification of the Prominent Hill mine in South Australia's far north. ETSA Utilities also provides telecommunications services to a number of external clients and manages its own telecommunications network encompassing more than 1,000 kilometres of optical fibre used to monitor and manage the distribution network.

"The NBN Co decision reflects our experience and success in the competitive infrastructure market," said Mr Stobbe.

"We believe there are significant benefits for South Australia in ETSA Utilities being involved in this first-release site project.

"It gives us the opportunity to prove our capability as we bid for the larger project to roll out the broadband network across the State.

"We have extensive experience in building and maintaining major infrastructure in this State and demonstrated success in delivering large-scale projects and a long-established record in working with stakeholders.

"We will ensure we keep the local community well informed through the construction process."

Mr Stobbe said ETSA Utilities believed a faster broadband network would deliver benefits for business, residents, schools and students in the town.

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