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City of Cockburn first council in WA to co-invest in world-class NBN for local business community

Main points:

- City of Cockburn first council in WA to co-invest in world-class NBN for local business community
- City provided nearly \$80,000 to co-invest in NBN Co Business Fibre Zone in Cockburn Central
- Project will benefit 1,200+ businesses in Cockburn Central, Success, South Lake, Jandakot and Yangebup.

The City of Cockburn has taken another step in its ongoing support of local business in the region, becoming the first local government in Western Australia to co-invest in world-class digital connectivity for its thriving business community.

The City has provided nearly \$80,000 to co-invest in the establishment of a NBN Co Business Fibre Zone (BFZ) in Cockburn Central.

This will benefit more than a thousand businesses in Cockburn Central, the emerging capital of the Perth southern metropolitan region, and sections of the neighbouring suburbs of Success, South Lake, Jandakot and Yangebup.

The project was announced by Federal Minister for Communications Hon. Michelle Rowlands MP at the Cockburn Health and Community facility, a hub for health and medical businesses, in Cockburn Central on 4 July.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett said the City was one of WA's most expansive industrial and commercial epicentres, generating 4.6 per cent of regional exports across the state and the chosen location of more than 9,000 businesses.

"This is why we requested NBN Co establish a BFZ in the strategic hub of Cockburn Central," Mayor Howlett said.

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“The City is pleased to contribute nearly \$80,000 to help establish the zone. This will provide businesses in Cockburn Central and sections of Success, South Lake, Jandakot and Yangebup access to top-tier business-grade fibre connectivity, to support the growth of this sought-after central mixed-use location.”

The new BFZ will cover an area of 8.4km² and cater to more than 1,200 individual businesses, many of whom are sole traders.

The City will now have five BFZs, including in Bibra Lake-Coogee, Henderson, Fremantle and O’Connor-Murdoch, serving about 70 per cent of businesses within its boundaries.

For more information please visit the City’s [website](#).

Caption: City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett and Federal Minister for Communications Hon Michelle Rowland MP announce the Cockburn Central NBN Co Business Fibre Zone co-investment project.





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