



Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia

Working together for equity of access to education for all students who live in rural & remote Australia

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ICPA (Aust) celebrates a win for Rural Students & Families



The Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) is applauding the latest announcement from **nbn** that the monthly data allowance for satellite customers will double.

For many of our members on Sky Muster™ satellite, the Fair Use Policy has constrained their use of the internet. This latest announcement will be welcomed by those that live in rural and remote Australia as a huge win.

From October 1, 2017 **nbn** will be doubling the maximum monthly wholesale data limits and increasing average peak downloads plans by up to 50 per cent on the Sky Muster™ platform. As a result, the majority of consumers and businesses on the service are expected to receive larger peak and off-peak plans from their retailer at a similar cost to what they are paying today.

These new changes will see wholesale allowable **peak** plans on the Sky Muster™ service go to 150 GB (from 75GB) and **total monthly** plans go to 300GB (from 150GB).

This announcement also provides Distance Education students and small rural schools with extra data through the dedicated Education Port which will allow for further opportunities to access a full curriculum.

Federal President Mrs Wendy Hick said, "ICPA is extremely excited by this latest news as it is a real win for our members. The government and **nbn** are listening to customer and consumer group concerns which we have been advocating for and we look forward to the rollout of this extra data."

This is a huge step forward for rural and remote families who have struggled with data allocations to run their businesses and access education.

ICPA is a member of the [Regional, Rural and Remote Communications Coalition](#). The Coalition is a group of like-minded organisations who have come together to end the data drought and champion better communications services for families and small businesses living in rural, remote and regional areas.

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