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## Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia

Advocating for equitable access to education for students in rural and remote Australia

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### Sweeping changes a boost for Rural and Remote Connectivity

ICPA (Aust) welcomes today the announcement by the Federal Government and nbn Co of further upgrades and enhancements to nbn Sky Muster satellite internet connectivity which will radically improve online experiences for members who rely on these services to educate their children. Major upgrades have also been announced for fixed wireless services.

The most significant boost and the answer to many of our members' previous requests are the sweeping changes to the data usage and allowances for Sky Muster Plus, with data limit constraints relaxed and unmetered data expanding to include VPN and video streaming, including You Tube during daytime hours. For those members not using a plus plan, regular nbn Sky Muster plans will see data allowances double on average. Those currently on a regular nbn Sky Muster plan are able to change to a Plus Plan at any time by contacting an RSP who offers these services.

These improvements have been made possible as extensions to the fixed wireless footprint decreases nbn Sky Muster satellite demand. Fixed wireless services will also see a significant increase in speed as investment into upgrades proceed.

Federal President Alana Moller said "ICPA members have consistently articulated the need for satellite internet data enhancements and today's announcement provides a pleasing response to these calls from the Federal Government and nbn Co. For ICPA members who rely on nbn Sky Muster satellite internet and fixed wireless connections to educate their children, these changes will enrich the educational opportunities of their children."

It is envisaged the changes to nbn Sky Muster satellite services will come online from the middle of 2022.

More information from nbn Co on the changes announced today can be found [here](#) . The Federal Government's communique can be found [here](#) .

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