

## Australia's fastest mobile broadband just got faster with a world first combination of network and device capability

**23 June 2009** - Telstra today announced the Next G™ network, already Australia's largest and fastest mobile broadband network just got faster, following an upgrade to peak network uplink speeds of 5.8Mbps.

Michael Rocca, Group Managing Director, Telstra Networks & Services, said the increased uplink speeds complement the world leading download speeds available in the network since the deployment of HSPA+ technology across the Next G™ network footprint late last year.

"These increased uplink speeds complete our initial HSPA+ equation, giving our customers download and upload speeds that are at the cutting edge of commercial mobile technology," Mr Rocca said.

"Our customers are already used to very fast mobile broadband download speeds and now they will be able to send emails and upload files and photos up to three times faster than today."

The Next G™ network now boasts a world first combination of network and device availability offering peak network uplink speeds of 5.8Mbps. While actual customer upload speeds are slower than 5.8Mbps, customers are able to experience typical upload speeds of 300kbps – 3Mbps. These enhanced upload speeds are available in all capital cities, metropolitan areas and selected regional locations when using a 5.8Mbps rated device. Typical upload speeds will be 300kbps – 1Mbps in other areas.

Telstra also confirmed that business customers using the Telstra Turbo 21 mobile broadband USB can upgrade their device to take advantage of the new enhanced upload speeds, which will help reduce downtime and help further improve productivity.

Ross Fielding, Executive Director, Telstra Product Management, said Telstra customers using Telstra Turbo 21 USB modems are able to upgrade their devices to take advantage of the faster uplink speeds, with other enhanced upload speed devices expected to be available in the near future.

"World first device technology developed in conjunction with Sierra Wireless will give existing customers with Telstra Turbo 21 devices access to the higher uplink speeds from today," Mr Fielding said.

"A simple software upgrade is immediately available for download at [www.sierrawireless.com/support](http://www.sierrawireless.com/support) or customers will receive an over the air upgrade from this weekend. Upgrades to selected other Telstra and BigPond devices will be available in coming weeks.

"This upgrade is a result of the continued partnership between Telstra, Ericsson, Qualcomm and Sierra Wireless that is fostering world leading network, device and chipset innovation," Mr Fielding said.



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