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Optus bolsters metropolitan mobile network coverage with 2300MHz & 3500MHz spectrum

Optus today announced it has successfully acquired a variety of new metropolitan licences for its customers in the 2300 MHz and 3500 MHz spectrum bands.

Optus won two 2300MHz lots in Sydney and Melbourne, and three 3500MHz lots in Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide for a total amount of A\$6,513,000.

The 3500MHz band is globally harmonised by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and recognised as the 5G pioneer band. The 3500MHz acquisition complements Optus' extensive 3500MHz metro holdings and will enable Optus to offer 5G services for customers in Sydney and Melbourne.

Optus Networks Managing Director Dennis Wong said, "As Optus continues to evolve into a mobile-led entertainment company, we are focussed on the efficient use of our spectrum holdings and ensuring our network capacity is optimised for our customers' future high speed data demands."

"This acquisition of new spectrum assets in the 2300 and 3500MHz bands ensures we are future proofing our network to meet our customers' increasing data demands."

Mr Wong added the new spectrum positioned Optus very strongly in the race towards 5G.

"Optus' spectrum assets in the 3500MHz band ensures we are able to effectively implement and launch 5G services for our customers."

Optus has just been recognised as the 'Best in Test' in the prestigious, independent 2017 P3 connect Mobile Benchmark Australia test, with its network placing first overall, for voice and data, first in voice and first for smaller towns.

"Optus continues to invest in our network where people live, work and play. Whether they are in the cities, regional centres or smaller remote towns, we are expanding and improving customer experience."

The Optus 4G mobile network reaches 96.5 per cent of the Australian population.

"Optus has a strong mix of spectrum to deliver extensive coverage and superfast data speeds to more Australians. The new spectrum will ensure we are prepared for the significant and exciting changes 5G will bring in the future," Mr Wong said.

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