

Optus 10 Satellite Successfully Launched

Optus announced today that Australia's latest state-of-the-art satellite, Optus 10, was successfully propelled into orbit following lift-off from the Guiana Space Centre in Kourou, French Guiana.

Rob Parcell, Managing Director, Optus Wholesale and Satellite said, "This morning we witnessed the successful launch of Optus' newest satellite, Optus 10. This represents the next advance into space by Australians and is an exciting milestone for Optus."

Optus launched Australia's first satellite almost 29 years ago. As the only local company to own and operate satellites, Optus is the leading provider of satellite services across Australia and New Zealand.

"Optus' satellite business holds a unique position - no other Australian telecommunications or satellite company can match the range of communications services we provide.

"Our satellites reach every part of the country, delivering subscription and free-to-air television and radio services, as well as voice and internet for emergency service providers and mining and agricultural industries," Mr Parcell said.

The Optus 10 satellite expands Optus' satellite fleet capacity and provides an in-orbit redundancy capability.

Optus has the largest fleet of geostationary satellites in the region, servicing Australia, New Zealand and the McMurdo Sound in the Antarctic.

"Today's launch demonstrates Optus' commitment to keeping Australia and New Zealand at the forefront of satellite technology as we continue to invest in bringing communications capability to more households," Mr Parcell said.

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