

## City of Newcastle selects NNNCo data platform to standardise smart city data

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The National Narrowband Network Co (NNNCo), an Australian carrier providing an Enterprise IoT network service and platform, has announced the selection of its N2N-DL Data Platform by City of Newcastle as part of the Newcastle City Intelligent Platform implementation.

The City standardised on the middleware platform as it prepares to roll out and scale multiple smart city applications. It also specified NNNCo's N-tick device certification program for all devices to be deployed in the city region.

NNNCo Founder and CEO said, "This is a breakthrough in the IoT market to have a major city standardise on a common data platform and device certification program."

"For the city it means simplifying the integration of upstream systems and the standardisation of devices," Mr Zagarella added. "By normalising and harmonising all the data from devices, N2N-DL removes the need for complex systems integration and sensor integration, driving down the cost and risk of IoT."

"In simple terms, N2N-DL enables customers to take any certified LoRaWAN device, turn it on and connect to the network, and receive data that can be easily ingested into their application."

NNNCo CTO Tony Tilbrook added, "The middleware saves organisations having to create database systems to ingest data from each type of device. It sits between networks and visualisation and analysis applications and converts IoT data into a single restful API."

The deal between NNNCo and Newcastle City Council includes an agreement to run thousands of IoT devices through the platform for multiple city use cases.

Newcastle Smart City Coordinator Nathaniel Bavinton said the selection of the data platform put City of Newcastle at the forefront of smart city development in Australia.

"Having a common data platform gives us centralised control over the data that flows through the various subsystems and enables us to route the data to other systems where it is required," Bavinton said. "Because of the platform's multi-tiered multi-tenanted architecture, it also provides a secure method of sharing data within our security policy."

"It negates the need to be locked into one technology, vendor or system and opens up a wide variety of potential solutions, competitive pricing and continuity of supply."

NNNCo was selected by Newcastle in 2018 to install a carrier-grade Long Range Wide Area Network (LoRaWAN) to provide low-power connectivity for wireless IoT devices. A pilot program in 2018 tested the deployment of the N2N-DL Data Platform across multiple applications.

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## **About NNNCo**

NNNCo is a leading Australian IoT Enterprise provider and LoRaWAN network operator. The company provides the network layer and technology-agnostic data platform that makes IoT accessible across any industry to enable enterprise-grade solutions for business and government. NNNCo's Enterprise IoT service is deployed using LoRaWAN technology, the globally-adopted open standard for secure, carrier-grade IoT connectivity. For more information, visit www.nnnco.com.au

## **About City of Newcastle**

Newcastle is the second largest non-capital urban centre in Australia. The Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) is home to 152,948 people and welcomes about 4.1 million visitors each year. The LGA is expected to continue to grow with an additional 32,000 people anticipated by 2036. The Council's award-winning Smart City strategy is part of its plan for city-wide revitalisation and regional transformation for Newcastle and the Hunter.