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To: Regulatory  
Subject: Broadband network Proposal

To whom it may concern,

From the articles I have been reading on this topic, it seems that if Telstra are given the contract to build FTTN, that existing ADSL Services will be removed at the cutover phase.

I am sure that I am speaking for a lot of Australian broadband users that i would not be happy if the government agree to go down this path. Even though my ADSL is 1.5Mbit, I would prefer to stay with this speed than be forced to move to VDSL infrastructure.

My broadband works just fine for me and I would like to make the decision if I want to purchase a VDSL connection in my time, when I think it is economically viable for me to do so.

Please consider the fact that even though higher speeds are currently available, the majority of Australians, are currently opting for speeds lower than they can get. The primary reason is cost. Telstra are saying that the cost of broadband will increase, as they are looking for a 18% return on their investment if they build.

How is it logical to force people to move to infrastructure so they can get speeds that they don't want and can't afford, when they are happy with their current broadband arrangement.

A open access, wholesale only controlling entity should be implemented, with a strategy that allows VDSL and existing ADSL technologies to co-exist. This will give consumers the choice they want and maintain the competition they need for pricing to remain affordable.

Yours sincerely,

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