

The new broadband should be required by regulation to meet as many of the following as possible:

1. Network should be owned and operated separately from any retailer, and open to any and all retailers to access to encourage future competition.
2. Telstra should be separated into separate wholesale and retail businesses.
3. Should cater for future upgrades to significantly higher speeds than 12mbps, i.e. to upload and download multiple high definition video streams simultaneously.
4. Should be fibre to the home or at least cater for future implementation.
5. Should be open to the public to invest in, i.e. list the holding company on the ASX.
6. The holding company should be structured to require it to carry out future upgrades to keep pace with worlds best standards on network performance, at reasonable cost to consumer.
7. Should have universal service obligations.
8. Should have minimum standards for fault repair.
9. Should be laid underground in conduits.
10. Conduits should be open to others and of sufficient size for others to lay there own cable system in at a future time.
11. Should work with other utilities to consider if other utilities need replacement or relocating underground at same time. E.G. overhead electrical cables.
12. Minimise damage to areas of significant natural importance.
13. All bids should be made public

Yours truly,
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