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My submission is simple.

Any new rules for the NBN should enshrine Net Neutrality in legislation. Currently, there is nothing to stop network operators charging content providers for the privilege of accessing their networks.

For example, the eventual builder of the NBN could charge DBCDE for the rights for the packets that represent your website to traverse the NBN. Overseas, internet service providers have already threatened (see <http://www.digitalspy.co.uk/digitaltv/a93556/virgin-media-ceo-attacks-net-neutrality.html>) to charge content providers, or, for those who do not pay, to slow the delivery of their content.

To foster innovation among content providers and choice for Australian consumers, it should become impossible to carry out such a threat in Australia.

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