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To Whom it may concern;

A new national broadband network may result in no effective competition and significant increase in broadband costs, with little or no speed benefit over ADSL2+.

Current copper nodes are small, and have minimal negative on the streetscape. Broadband cabinets are potentially very large and unsightly. Most nodes are located outside people's homes, on nature strips and street corners. Tens of thousands cabinets, leads to millions of residents unhappy about their new neighbour.

If we must have a new broadband network, please ensure that it has minimal street side cabinets, and offers users a significantly better cost/benefit than current ADSL2+, and hybrid fibre-coaxial network options.

Faithfully,

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