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The fibre to the node plan is good but whoever installs it should spend the extra money on the infrastructure to make fibre to the curb possible or even fibre to the premises. Even though it may not seem cost effective now but if you add the extra fibre strands while you are laying it, it will save tearing up the old fibre to replace it with higher capacity and lowering the future upgrade costs. If the plan went one step further and did fibre to the curb it would guarantee most Australians achieve speeds of at least 22meg, and with the vdsl2 rollout people will be able to achieve speeds of close to the 100meg and move Australia up the broadband list. Also govern it so everyone can get competitive prices. I am sure you have seen a lot more comparisons but i thought this one was interesting

	TPG SUPER	TELSTRA	TELSTRA	EXETEL
PRICE	\$69.99	\$69.95	\$159.95	\$70
SPEED	24576/1024	24576/512	24576/1024	24576/1024
DATA	150GB	0.6GB	60GB	72GB
EXCESS	Nil(Shaped)	\$150 per GB	\$150 per GB	\$3 per GB
\$ per GB	\$0.46	\$116	\$2.65	\$0.97
UPLOADS	FREE	COUNTED	COUNTED	FREE

Regards,

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