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To: National Broadband Network Taskforce
Subject: About the new broadband network

To whom it may concern,

In regard to the continual shuffling and postponing of updating of our national communications network. May I ask why, we can't take the responsibility of infrastructure away from TELSTRA & form a new organisation to get the show on the road.

Apparently the rest of the world is able to get things done when the/a problem arises, whereas in AUSTRALIA, WE FORM A COMMITTEE. To our elected representatives in our national capital, do we have to do everything by consensus?? Are there no statesmen in federal politics?? Is there no one there who has the intestinal fortitude to say LET'S DO IT??

As for the fibre optic network, all new housing/industrial/commercial developments should get fibre optic cabling right to the building & through it. From January 1 2009. All current buildings/residences to be connected over a period of 2.5 years - NATIONWIDE.

May I suggest that in each state, an alliance is formed between all parties involved, to get the job done quickly & efficiently and, at no time what so ever is the project to be handed to TELSTRA, I can not stress any more strenuously that a separate entity is to be formed to run & maintain the new network. TELSTRA must never have that control over the country & deny the taxpayer their right to modern technology & communications network.

Thankyou, for hearing my submission.

Regards

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