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Dear Sir,

Thank you for the invitation to contribute.

I would like to see a FTTN network established as a combined government/private enterprise operation. The 2% not covered by such a setup may be catered for with a decent wireless system. These customers costs could be subsidized by those on the FTTN system.

In the meantime it would be sensible to encourage Telstra to whole their ADSL2+ services to third parties. At the moment Telstra have the monopoly on ADSL2+ services in hundreds of exchanges. This is quite uncompetitive. Telstra ADSL2+ prices are tier based and therefore more expensive than their ADSL1 offerings. Competitors offer ADSL2+ services at prices less expensive than ADSL1. It is quite inequitable that there can be such a huge price difference between services in neighboring exchanges. If this occurred in retail then one would drive to the cheaper store. However one would have to move house to achieve the same result with broadband. Completely unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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