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Hi

To Whom It Concerns,

Firstly NO Public or Private Company should have control over Telecommunication infrastructure/Wholesale, and have a RETAIL division as well.

The infrastructure is way too important to be in non government ownership or control.

Fast broadband speeds must be affordable(\$30 a month for 1.5Mbit/256 5gig[\$60 a month for 8Mbit/1Mbit 10gig]) for people on pensions and low income, currently this isnt the case.

The USO needs to be bought into the 21st century and have broadband added to it with a minimum speed of 1.5Mbit download/256 upload and having a minimum download data limit of 5gigabyte.

The Liberal Government failed its duty of care in selling Telstra without first splitting it into at least 2 companies.

[IE Infrastructure/Wholesale and Retail.]

With the Infrastructure/Wholesale one still being under government Ownership and control with its profits going into the future fund, instead general revenue.

Any future Network NEEDs to have an open access regime, with any company having a RETAIL part/division unable to have any influence over the running of the network.

Yours Sincerely
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