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To: National Broadband Network Taskforce
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Hi,

I would like to offer the following points on broadband provision .

I live in a regional NSW city and currently have ADSL2+ to my residence. I have had several ISPs in various regional locations.

- 1) the provision of wired broadband of speeds 256K or faster should be considered a **'basic utility'**. I think it should be a **cost to land developers** to provide it, as per a telephone connection.
- 2) I consider that privatisation of our **wholesale wired broadband network** was a grave error by the previous government. It should be **brought back into public ownership**, as per water and (NSW) electricity wholesale.
- 3) I support **measures to ensure regional areas**, in particular, **are 'connected'** due to broadband being one part of the solution of **rural/regional isolation** and dislocation from metro areas and global markets.
- 4) **I do not support the idea of ISP-level content filtering**. I feel this will not stop tech-savvy adults who wish to access 'forbidden' material. I do support efforts to provide parents with home PC filtering to better regulate net activities.

Cheers
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