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in reply to your request for input to Broadband to remote areas

I realise that because of varied terrain and our huge country that not all in Australia can get Broadband like the people in Cities do but it seems to me that in the city things just get bigger and better and cheaper as far as Broadband goes and the rates are quite affordable

we are living in Tasmania in the Huon Valley our ISP is Big Pond but because we are too far from local exchange to get broadbandalso ordinary dialup is a disaster as it dies each time it rains, we currently have ISDN unlimited downloads for \$55 a month for the ISDN part and then we pay \$46.40 for the digital line so that we do not get charged each time we log on to the internet ISDN will be no longer available in Australia at the end of this year.

at the end of 2008

Our alternatives are Satellite Broadband at \$120 a month from Activate me or Telstra Big Pond offer 1gig a month on Australian Broadband Guarantee at \$64.95 a month but to get 2 gig which is much less than I use at present and possibly many others as well it costs \$249 a month !

or Wireless Broadband from Big Pond 3 gig at \$109.95 a month its not capped and additional usage is 30c a mb

Optus can do wireless broadband in Metro mainland areas allowing 6 gig a month for \$60 but Optus is not available in Tasmania also there are many other choices on the mainland all within the \$60 a month and lessie Big Pond ADSL2+ offering 25 gig for \$79.95 a month

nowadays people do use much more mbs a month as web sites are much larger and software and systems need regular updates I currently use 3 gig and I am being carefull with my usage I do not download movies ect or play games there are so many plans and speeds available in cities its quite a challenge to compare

If the people outside of the cities that can not get reasonable priced broadband could get wireless or satellite broadband instead at comparable rates to what is available in cities it would help I mean ONLY folk who can not get ADSL from the exchange because of distance being too far we live in Wattle Grove but I know that Cygnet And Huonville can get Broadband OK

sincerely Lesley Fiedler