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Dear Sir/Madam

### **National Broadband Network**

I understand that the Federal Government is requesting proposals for a National Broadband Network and the Government is planning to contribute significant public monies. The Government is to be congratulated for its approach. The infrastructure should provide a wide range of services to all consumers and business throughout Australia. I make some comments below.

1. The National Broadband Network which is a result of this process must be available to all resellers/service providers in a cost effective consistent manner.
2. The price of the network must be reasonable to the consumers and businesses. It seems that the prices of some network services in Australia are currently being held artificially high.
3. There should be an allowance for innovative solutions.
4. The proposed network should provide economic traffic backhaul to all areas in Australia. It seems that there is no competition in broadband in many areas of Australia because the only backhaul available is not economic.

Regards

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