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**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 March 2008 4:46 PM  
**To:** National Broadband Network Taskforce  
**Subject:** Consultation on the National Broadband Network Request for Proposals

Hi There,

In regards to the request of  
[http://www.dbcde.gov.au/communications\\_for\\_business/funding\\_programs\\_and\\_support/national\\_broadband\\_network/consultation](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/communications_for_business/funding_programs_and_support/national_broadband_network/consultation)

Here is what I have to say:

To the Australian Government - Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

In regards to the public proposals I support the Labor Governments plan of a new network. But I prefer a FTTH/FTTP kind of network for City/Suburbs area's, and WiMax for Rural/Regional area's and to cover any black spots that FTTH/FTTP cannot reach and vice versa (and I also like the WiMax setup from Internode or maybe the 802.16e variant).

Despite its high install cost of either one, it is a once off cost (maybe the gov can help out here), the main problems it seems to be is the Regulatory and Legal issues surrounding the current situations.

There needs to be tight regulation/law against anyone who opposes an Open Competition and fair prices (wholesale, retail, data costs etc), but relax enough so that Companies can innovate and expand.

Structural separation of the major companies that have both wholesale/retail operations in the same company (owners?) should also be considered as the conflict of interest, but only it's feasible to do so.

Also there is some concern of the data allowances as well, at what prices will there be (If FTTH/FTTP will be selected for City/Suburb), the users will need fair bit than what currently is offered.

I'd like to see Phone, TV, Internet, Gaming etc all through the one cable and FTTH/FTTP is the start of that, It can offer speeds, bandwidth, distance, long lasting, the Fibre is probably upgradable to newer version of Fibre, trench is there just replace the Fibre.

Instead of using crude ways of getting to the best technology, let's start with it now.

Yes it may be cost and risks involved, but nothing in life is without cost or risk.

Thank You,

Daniel

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