

Sent: Monday, 16 June 2008 2:40 PM
To: Regulatory
Subject: FTTN proposals..

Hi,

I am just a joe bloggs consumer who might not know much about the nitty gritty details of politics and powerstruggles within the telecommunications industry. What I do know is;

having an efficient broadband infrastructure deployed in Australia is a good thing, for Australia and Australians
duplicating this infrastructure is not efficient
the responsibility for ensuring this happens lies with the government IMHO
Telstra, Optus, Powertel, iiNet, etc... are NOT the government, they are money making machines with their own best interests at heart
If the government will not build and own this infrastructure(which is pretty clear), then they MUST regulate it, there can be no true competition(efficiency) otherwise
the infrastructure should really be owned by all Australians, but since that is not possible, I think the next closest is to create a consortium of the major Telecommunications companys to run the infrastructure, this should provide checks and balances for all
Telstra is just another greedy corporate gorrilla, as are the others.. no special consideration should be given to Telstra(or the others), none there is no need for the Fibre to replace the copper, just run it in parallel, the old services can be a benchmark and provide competition

Make the right choices please.

Regards,
Michael