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Hi,

After reading notes from the recent 'Commsday Summit' and viewing Simon Hackett's of Internode's speech, <http://www.veoh.com/videos/v10201149JrtHghqd> I would like to make two points in relation to consideration of the NBN tender and associated regulator aspects:

- 1) I note that the retaining the existing ADSL/ADSL2+ broadband systems can, and - to achieve competition and ultimately affordance broadband connections in Australia – should, co-exist with new infrastructure sponsored by the NBN. If the existing system is 'cut', we risk further monopolistic trading practices as currently occurs.
- 2) The level of broadband connection speed should be an equal selection criteria to the cost of the service to the consumer. Anecdotally, people will justify about \$30-\$50 per month for a broadband connection (mine is \$30/month), unless they are especially active online, or use the connection for business purposes. At this price point they'd typically get a 256K or 512K connection. They currently can increase speed if they wanted (up to 8Mbps) for additional cost (\$60-\$100/month), however they elect not to. Simply, the additional infrastructure should aim to provide additional speed/reliability/quota at the same price point/s for it to be useful for ordinary Australians, as proposed. Some of the tenderers seem to think we need faster connections at a greater price under NBN – but this is not the case at all and in fact will result in a less-accessible broadband system, especially if my point (1) is not addressed.

Thank you for considering my two points on this matter.

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