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I have only one response to the Regional Telecommunications Review 2021: we live less than 20 km from Parliament House Canberra and the best we are being offered is satellite.

While semi-retired, I still conduct work from my home office including research and meetings. The current ADSL linked back to the Queanbeyan exchange is barely adequate, a point exacerbated by the COVID imposed restrictions. NBN have advised that we will never receive fibre optic and our only option will be satellite. Thankfully, some of the smaller WiFi providers are looking at setting up towers but, my understanding is, the capability will still be limited and more vulnerable to outages and overloads compared to the NBN.

I ask that consideration be given to the cost benefit argument of not providing fibre optic connectivity to those who, while deemed rural, live close to urban hubs.

For your consideration,

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