

To the Minister of Communications and to those whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter with regards to the Consultation of Telstra's request to extend their contract for South Brisbane and Velocity Networks.

I wish for you to consider that Telstra should not be granted an exemption for these networks for reasons which affects the taxpayers, businesses and residents of South Brisbane.

Firstly, as Telstra have a monopoly of the network in South Brisbane, customers and businesses have extremely limited competition with their choice of ISP which leads to excessive pricing and limited speeds comparative to other areas of Brisbane and Australia.

As the Velocity network is in full control of Telstra this also leads to poor quality control with a large number of dropouts and artificially limited speeds as businesses and residents have no other option. This is extremely important which is evident during the Covid-19 pandemic where Businesses and Education are often reliant on these services for Cloud Sharing, Online Meetings, Collaborative Online Work and other forms of productivity.

It is clear with Telstra's request for exemption their wish is to keep these lines for as long as possible if NBN co. ever becomes privatised which directly affect the taxpayer's.

This network should realistically be brought by NBN co. to avoid privatisation of the network and should be brought up to standard as other FTTP services.

I appreciate your time and concern.

Regards,

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