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Hello.

I have some thoughts to share on the topic of mandatory roaming.

I believe it is a good thing and should be implemented. I do believe however it should fall to the government to implement a strategy for increased signal coverage throughout the country.

Many gaps exist in the existing telstra network that will not improve under a mandatory roaming plan.

Either the government creates a national asset similar to the original Telecom network or it outsources it to a company like ATN / Indara. This will keep Telstra from being anti competitive in regional areas.

It's either this or we leave it to multinationals like SpaceX to broaden starlink service which is not in the national strategic interest.

I am personally an optus customer because I detest the lack of customer service from Telstra. However my business is heavily data centric and will become reliant on satellite technology in remote areas to deliver scope later this year. I will be opting to Starlink for this.

Farmers, regional residents may not have the means or access to this service.

In a world where fractures by natural disaster are increasing in society it may just end up being the metropolitan areas with the most to lose by not having communications with the food bowls of the regions.

Many Thanks,
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