I would like to make a statement about the unfair nature of the current NBN build. It creates an unequal playing field, and locks in disadvantage at a number of levels.

The original NBN plan called for FTTP for 93% of Australian residents, and fixed wireless/satellite for the remaining 7%. The MTM plan commenced as a mix of FTTN, HFC, FTTP, fixed wireless and satellite. As part of this process, it purchased the copper network owned by Telstra.

I believe consumers and competition suffer given this approach, including the following:

* consumers are unfairly disadvantaged by the mixed technology: e.g. two consumers paying the same amount could see one getting 100Mbit speeds, the other getting 55
* the poor speeds and reliability of copper and HFC affect the ability of small businesses and home businesses to compete with larger ones
* small ISPs are disadvantaged by the mixed technology NBN as they do not have wireless networks to fall back on when the MTM can't fulfil its purpose
* smaller ISPs might be less likely to compete as the NBN will not be fit for purpose in a matter of a few years
* NBNCo itself sits squarely within a potential conflict of interest: it is run by the ex-CEO of Telstra, and is paying Telstra for their copper and HFC network.

For all these reasons, consumers are not fairly treated, and business competition suffers.

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