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I would like to offer my strongest submission to retain the NBN in the form which began with the previous government.

Keeping a fibre connection to the vast majority of Australians would allow for (not conclusive)

Telecommuting

Australian small and medium businesses to harness Cloud computing solutions, making them much more agile in the marketplace

The longest possible lifespan of the project

There are many, many other reasons, but ultimately, for a small extra investment, this country has the opportunity to provide leadership in modern business and research, rather than being slightly behind where the world is now when the project is eventually finished. As a former telecommunications account manager I can assure you that business demand for quality symmetrical connections is there, if only our government can show the leadership and vision required.

Please do not sell our country short. We can only dig rocks out of the ground for so long, and when that's over I would like to think that my daughter will inherit a country best set to capitalise on the opportunities available.

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPad