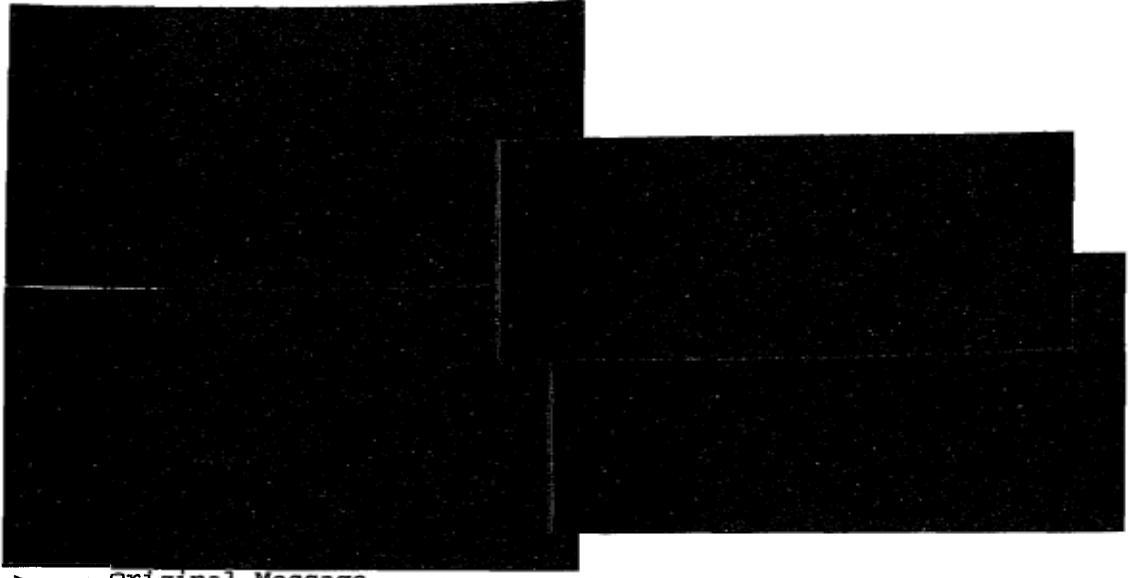


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From: Mick Bott [mickbott71@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 31 January 2003 2:41 PM
To: Committee, CITA (REPS)
Subject: RE: structure of Telstra

TELSTRA INQUIRY
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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Mick Bott [mailto:mickbott71@hotmail.com]
>Sent: Monday, 27 January 2003 1:04 PM
>To: Committee, CITA (REPS)
>Subject: structure of Telstra

>Dear Sir or Madam,

> Re: Inquiry into the Structure of Telstra. Thank you
>for the opportunity to make a submission to this very important
>Inquiry. I consider that the best structure for Telstra would be to
>separate it into a
>retail telecommunications business and a publicly owned infrastructure.
> The current configuration does not work as Telsta do not want to
>spend
>their money installing new lines and hardware that the other providers
>then
>get open access to (and who can blame them). This has led to shortcuts
>being taken in the installation process by using cost cutting measures
>such
>as pair gaining. The follow on effect from this is that users are
>unable to
>access broadband services like ADSL.

> Separating Telsta into a seperate business to the infrastructure
>would mean..

> - The government would own the actual network, exchanges, rims,
>cables etc (just like it used to). The government could charge either
>the consumer
>a rental fee to use the phone network or they charge the providers to
>use
>their network.

> - Telstra could better compete against other phone companies
>without the burden of having to maintain the infrastructure.

> - Services to the bush (or any problem areas) could be improved
>by the government with the implimentation of new hardware and
>resources. Once in
>place all the providers can use those resources to offer their products.

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> In short, I consider that splitting Telstra into two completely
>separate retail and wholesale entities will provide benefits to all
>Australians.

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