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I thought the government was not going to privatise Telstra until it provide adequate services to the bush.

To start with there is not a reasonably high speed internet service.

Country people have to pay more for an inferior, outdated and laggy internet service.

Telstra claimed in year 2000, that 90% of Australia would have access to high speed ADSL by mid 2002. We are still waiting for them to provide it.

I don't think Telstra is any way near ready to be privatised.

I also think that it is time the government of this country woke up to the real picture, that Australia is falling further behind the rest of the world with broadband ADSL internet.

It is time the government started to subsidise Telstra to get every phone exchange ADSL enabled in the next 12 months.

ADSL is the only reasonably priced service that dose not need much inferstructor change to get it going.

In conclusion I think Telstra should remain the way it is until these issues are resolved.

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