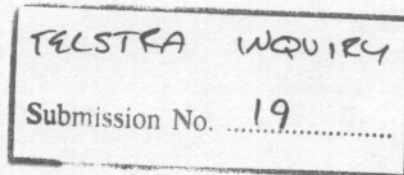


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From: Brendan O'Brier
Sent: Friday, 17 January 2003 10:25 AM
To: Committee, CITA (REPS)
Subject: Submission on Telstra.

The Secretary,
House of Representatives,
Communications Committee.



Sir/Madam,

Re: Submission on the Telstra question.

I feel that allowing the Telstra Network to be a seperate and not for profit entity, is the best way to improve communiations in County areas.


Let Telstra make money for it's shareholders, by all means, but as a retail provider only.

Let the network be run by local councils so as to provide a cheap connection for all Australians. Local councils could provide access to residents in the same model as water is provided today. Councils could then sell access to the telephone lines, to all comers, at the same rate.

This would help to keep the price of calls down for retailers and consumers.

Best wishes,

Brendan John O'Brien, JP.



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