

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends that reviews by the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee (RTIRC) into telecommunications in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia be undertaken at least every three rather than every five years.

Recommendation 2:

The Committee recommends that in the event that a recommendation or recommendations of the RTIC are not accepted by the Minister, the Minister be required to give reasons for the decision.

Recommendation 3:

The Committee also recommends that the Government launch a public awareness program to improve understanding of the current system of regulation of the telecommunications industry and the rights of consumers under this regulatory regime.

Recommendation 4:

The Committee reports to the Senate that it has considered the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003 and recommends that the Bill should proceed.

