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## **Inquiry into structural separation of Telstra announced**

“The House of Representative Standing Committee on Communications, IT and the Arts today agreed to inquire into the proposal for the structural separation of Telstra”, Chairman of the CITA Committee, Christopher Pyne MP, said today.

“The terms of reference for the inquiry ensure that all aspects of the proposal to structurally separate Telstra’s core network from its other businesses will be canvassed by the committee.

“The Government has made clear its policy on the future ownership of Telstra – it opposes the structural separation of Telstra.

“The Opposition, on the other hand, has called for a “nation-wide debate” on its discussion paper released earlier this year entitled “Reforming Telstra” and this will provide a forum for a thorough debate.

“Given the central role of Telstra in the economic life of the nation it is appropriate that the committee consider a proposal that has the potential to alter Telstra irrevocably.”

The terms of reference are attached.

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