

Honourable Senate Committee Members,

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I am writing to express my disbelief at the way the government is trying to strong arm and tear apart a public company in a democratic country in the name of competition. Destroying a company value in such a way is plain against the spirit of rule of law.

This kind of forced separation will only stifle investment in the capital intensive telecommunication industry. It has become abundantly clear by now that no body, including the government, has enough money to build the NBN network.

If the government is really serious about the NBN network and it benefits to the society, it should discuss with Telstra and work out a Telstra Network Upgrade Plan (TNUP) that meets NBN requirements. TNUP can be a commercially viable project funded by Telstra with the government offering tax exemption on the investment to recoup some of the project costs.

I hope that government will reconsider their plan, come with another solution and avoid destroying a public company.

Sincerely,

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