

**The Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts**

Dear Committee Secretary,

I write in response to the announcement on 15 September 2009 regarding proposed reforms to telecommunications regulation in Australia and the proposal to force Telstra to be penalised by the government if it does not change its structure.

I wonder what gives the government the right, so soon after selling Telstra shares to the public (me) to change legislation in such a way as to force Telstra's hand. I wonder on what basis the government stamps on democracy and shareholders' rights to dictate an action unprecedented in this country. This action, were it to take place, would decrease the value of Telstra shares (already in the doldrums) and adversely impact the one to one and a half million Mum and Dad Telstra shareholders.

Please note my objection to these proposed reforms and intercede vigorously, on behalf of shareholders, to scrap them.

Yours faithfully,
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