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I am writing to express my opinion on the future structure of Telstra.

I believe that Telstra should be split into three segments. The three segments would be the Retail and Commercial Segment, the Research and Development Segment and the Infrastructure Segment.

This split would allow for the fair competition in the selling of Voice and Data services while maintaining essential infrastructure services to the country.

The Retail and Commercial Segment would simply become a reseller of Telstra Infrastructure Segments services. It would be treated no differently than that of other resellers in this market segment. The Retail and Commercial segment should ne allowed to purchase services off other wholesalers. This segment should be 100% privately owned by existing Telstra shareholders.

The R&D segment should be government funded institution that develops future telecommunications technology for commercial sale.

The Infrastructure Segment should be government owned. The role of the Infrastructure Segment is to build the national phone and data infrastructure services. The metropolitan infrastructure would need to subsidise the rural infrastructure. To ensure fair competition with other wholesalers a Rural Infrastructure Subsidy tax should be charged.

This will ensure that Australians get competitive free market, and a consistent open and standard infrastructure.

Regards

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