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House of Representatives Communications, Information Technology & the Arts Committee
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Personal submission in answer to advertisement in S.M. Herald re Inquiry into the Structure of Telstra.

In my opinion, the communications of a country should be in the hands of the government. I was not in favour of the earlier partial sale.

Certain balances are needed between 'bootom line/market rules all' and the proven mistakes of a communist/extreme socialist view which completely ignores the above factors.

The most important consideration, not only for convenience but also for security in any w@rst case scenario, war or other, is the provision of assured communication throughout the country.

If it were possible to reverse the partial sale of Telstra, that would be the best option. I have no informed opinion about the fiddling round the edges contained in the first para. of the newspaper advertisement.

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