



Next Generation Networks: The positive environmental effects of expanding telecommunications services through high speed broadband services

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Overview

Telecommunications liberalisation lack of progress in some markets

Telecommunications industry can enable the reduction of carbon emissions

Next wave of telecommunications liberalisation

Lack of telecommunications
liberalisation progress

Liberalisation issues

1. Countries make promises to the WTO but fail to deliver
2. Countries make modest commitments

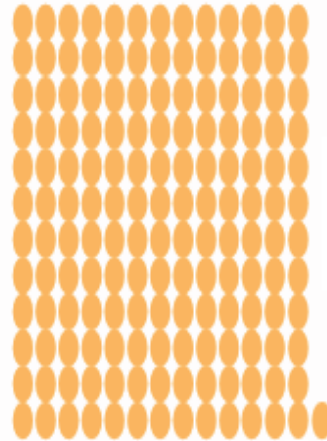
Competition is alive and well

1992

2006

●● 2 carriers

●●● 3 mobile operators



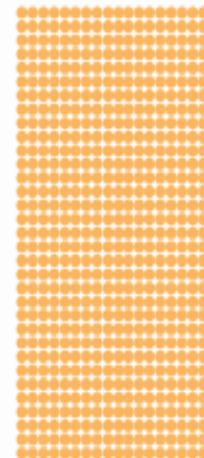
157 carriers



4 mobile operators

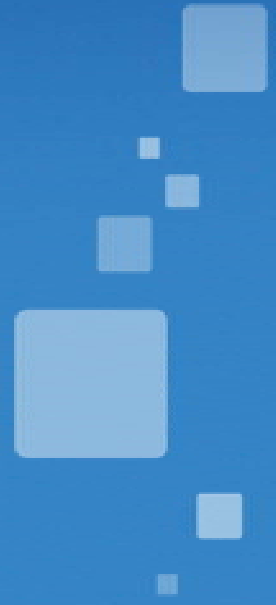


23 mobile resellers



467 Internet Service Providers

Climate change opportunities using telecommunications



The telecommunications industry can...

Reduce Australia's total greenhouse gas emissions
4.9% by 2015

Generate financial savings for Australian businesses
and households by up to A\$6.6 billion per year
(~ €4 billion)



Remote Appliance Power Management

Problem: About 10% of house and office electricity is wasted by devices on standby

Opportunity: Use the home and office networks, and use external networks / intelligence to identify and manage standby wastage. Simplify turning standby off

Significance: 1.8 million tonnes CO₂ per year



Presence Based Power

Problem: About 15% of house and office electricity is wasted with appliances being on, but not being used

Opportunity: Use networked telemetry to make energy follow the person. If they are not there, lights, air-conditioning and appliances go off until they return

Significance: 3 million tonnes CO₂ per year



De-centralised Central Business District

Problem: 75% of Australians drive to work, representing national emissions and growing

Opportunity: Use networks to enhance teleworking, the suburban business centres, and regional decentralisation of major business

Significance: 3.1 million tonnes CO₂ per year



Real time freight management

Problem: About one-third of all freight kilometres are empty

Opportunity: Use wireless networks to create an integrated multi-modal, multi-provider management system for freight vehicles

Significance: 2.9 million tonnes CO₂ per year



Personalised public transport

Problem: 75% of Australians drive to work representing national emissions and growing

Opportunity: Use wireless networks to create an integrated multi-modal, multi-provider management system for public transport... that starts at the front door with a call

Significance: 3.9 million tonnes CO₂ per year



High-definition video conferencing

Problem: About half of air travel is for business and a growing source of emissions

Opportunity: Provide full speed, full size, high definition conference facilities that can be as good as an in-person meeting, yet save time, money and carbon

Significance: 6.5 million tonnes CO₂ per year





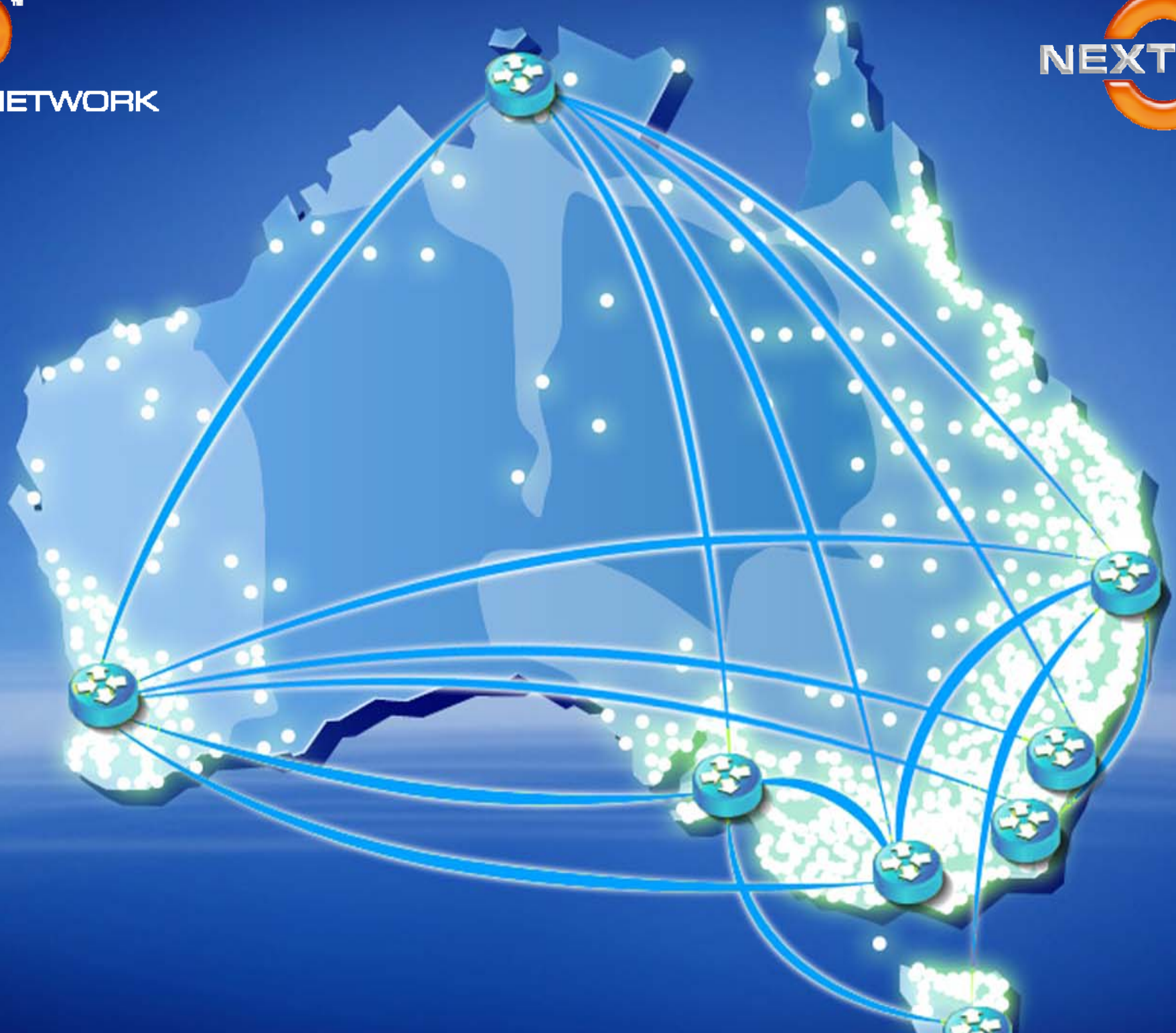
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It's all about NGN investment

Appropriate regulatory settings for underpinning massive investments need for next generation networks still being debated... although light-handed regulation has resulted in investment while heavy-handed regulation has not!

What is common ground is that without liberalisation – without unfettered access to global technology, capital and expertise 3rd generation mobile networks will be difficult and next generation fixed networks will be impossible to put in place



Summary

Telecommunications liberalisation is essential for global economic growth and social development

Telecommunications can also make a significant contribution to ameliorating climate change

BUT it will only be with further liberalisation and p investment regulatory settings that the next generation networks necessary to achieve real carbon reductions can realistically be developed

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