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**Minister Fletcher's Recommit to a Structural Separated NBN, good news for Australian Consumers**

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Minister Fletcher's rejection of any prospect of Telstra buying the NBN was an important stake in the ground for competition, Commpete said today.

The Minister's message that any privatisation of NBN was well off into the future was also important as it signalled a period of stability for the industry.

NBN was created in large part to separate the monopoly access network from Telstra's retail business to stop anti-competitive market manipulation that had made Australia one of the least competitive telecommunications markets in the world.

Recent speculation that Telstra would buy the NBN would signal the end of this commitment to competition, and Minister Fletcher has done the right thing by ruling it out.

Commpete believes only competition can create an industry commitment to value for money, consistently good service and innovation.

The NBN is the foundation stone of future competition. Whatever the issues with its rollout and technology choices, going back to the old world can only end in disaster for competition and consumers.

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