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I am very concerned about the proposed closing down of the copper telephone network. I cannot use either a mobile phone or a portable phone as I experience a severe headache within 20 seconds of using such a device. I am sure that I am not alone with this physical problem. If the copper network is removed I will be totally without a phone I can use. This is not progress.

The area where I live (on the Mid North Coast of NSW)encounters regular power cuts. At present we can use the fixed line telephone handset even if there is no power. This would not be possible if the copper network were to be removed. Our neighbours, who only have portable handsets which are dependent upon electricity, have to live without telecommunications if there is a power cut. Again – this is not progress.

Our existing satellite Internet connection works well unless there is severe storm activity. It is quite acceptable for our needs. The money allocated to the NBN would be far better utilised improving school and hospital facilities in rural areas.

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