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I have a current concern re net connectivity which may be able to be addressed even before NBN comes this way. I reside/work from home at a distance of a bit over 4 kms from the Gosford Exchange. I struggle to get any reasonable net speed, despite using ADSL2+. If I can get occasionally get a 4 megabit connect I consider I am lucky.

I'm not alone in that circumstance. I envy those close to the Exchange (i.e. the Gosford CBD) who currently have ADSL speeds I can only dream of – 12 to 22 megabit. While the NBN may well take the Gosford CBD users to Internet speed nirvana please take into account those users who would be delighted to simply achieve current Gosford CBD speeds. Perhaps some attention could be given to those users in the wasteland areas between Exchanges with DSLAMs. A program of introducing ADSL2+ speed boosting connections to those areas would not be expensive and would be most welcome.

The problem may be readily illustrated by opening the map at <http://www.tpg.com.au/maps/> and putting Gosford in the search box. Then click anywhere in the purple area encompassing Tascott and real life data can be seen. Other ISPs may have similar data but the TPG information provides a very good demonstration.

I'm sure most of my views on telecommunications would be reflective of many in a similar circumstance to myself – work from home, make extensive use of the Internet, have been doing so from the time of dial up bulletin boards, Fido net and CompuServe, before the general availability of the internet and email, and have moved from dial up connections to a poor cousin connection of speeds available using ADSL2+. I am a computing consultant – see www.mcbiz.com.au

Kind regards

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