KEEP LAND LINES IN RURAL AREAS

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Background (Preamble):

This submission is on behalf of people suffering from the condition of EHS/ MTS (Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity Syndrome/ Microwave Toxicity Syndrome). Those with this condition cannot tolerate wireless signals without becoming ill. This can occur when exposed to such: wifi, mobile telephony, bluetooth, etc.

Under the NBN, rural areas may not be provided with any sort of cable at all, only wireless connectivity. This poses a fundamental problem for this disadvantaged group as people with EHS/MTS cannot use wireless options. It is not about choice. It is about necessity: they only have ONE option: a land line. Therefore people with EHS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE THEIR EXISTING LAND LINE for their connectivity requirements whether telephone or internet.

Due to the current proliferation and numerous sources of artificial EMR in the environment, which causes much suffering in this group, and prevents them from moving freely in society and living normal lives, it is a fact that for many, THEIR LAND LINE IS THEIR ONLY ACCESS to the outside world. To take away the ONE accessible and usable communication tool that enables this group to communicate, would be a cruel travesty in every aspect of their lives and create untold damage for them: emotionally, physically, socially, and mentally. It would constitute yet another breach of their Human Rights and certainly the Federal Disability Discrimination Act 1992, which aims to promote the equal opportunity and access for people with disability, covering the use of goods, services and facilities.

EHS sufferers who have become aware of the ramifications of the Telecommunications Universal Service Obligation Inquiry are already greatly stressed at the thought that their land lines could be taken from them. The threat of it is creating hardship for an already greatly challenged, disadvantaged and marginalised group of people.

Thank you for considering this submission and we hope for good news that the essential Land Lines for Rural Australia remain intact into the future. Should fibre optics eventually become available in those areas, this would be acceptable, but until then, please ensure this group's rights are upheld.

EHS Network

Please see slide: https://www.slideshare.net/YaelStein1/ehs-human-rights

The Productivity Commission Telecoms Inquiry

http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/telecommunications/make-submission

Petition Text:

We ask, in the most emphatic terms, to please ensure LAND LINES REMAIN AVAILABLE IN RURAL AREAS.

Total signatures 221 (Signature comments can be viewed in the Appendix of this document)

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221	Cheryl	Shine	Longwarry	Victoria	Australia	<u>View</u>	Apr 06, 2017
220	Victor	Gheorghiu	Wantirna South	Victoria	Australia	N/G	Apr 05, 2017
219	Gordon	innes	Randwick	NSW	Australia	N/G	Apr 05, 2017
218	Jenny	Carleton	Lilyfield	NSW	Australia	N/G	Apr 05, 2017
217	Rick	Hopton	Windsor Gardens	SA	Australia	N/G	Mar 30, 2017
216	Gwen	Hanna	Dorrigo	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 28, 2017
215	Suza	Ryan	Tintenbar	New South	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 28, 2017
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209	ben	andrews	Emerald	Victoria	Australia	N/G	Mar 27, 2017
208	Denise	Parker	Mallacoota	Vic	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 23, 2017
207	Rochelle	Ellwood	Sydney	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 20, 2017
206	Hazel	Ayre	Belgrave	Vic	Australia	N/G	Mar 20, 2017
205	Jodie	Donnelly	Penrith	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 18, 2017
204	Mikala	Dind	Jilliby	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 17, 2017
203	Karen	Herford	bermagui	nsw	Australia	N/G	Mar 16, 2017
202	Cheryl	Mead	Melbourne	Vic	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 16, 2017
201	Helen	Murphy	Pipers Creek	VIC	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 16, 2017
200	Sandor	von Kontz	2370	NSW	Australia	N/G	Mar 15, 2017
199	Ruth	Love	Little Hampton	Victoria	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 15, 2017
198	Sheridan	Kennedy	Sydney	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 15, 2017
197	mark	gladding	red hill	vic	Australia	N/G	Mar 14, 2017
196	christine	malone	red hill	vic	Australia	N/G	Mar 14, 2017
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194	luke	lantman	Ravenshoe	queensland	Australia	N/G	Mar 14, 2017
193	Pamela	Finlay	WINGHAM	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 14, 2017
192	lan	Murray	Macleod	Victoria	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 14, 2017
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190	Crispin	Blanc	Hume	Victoria	Australia	N/G	Mar 13, 2017
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166	Lyn	Kellett	Frankston	Victoria	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 09, 2017
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71	Michael	Thomson	Queensville	Ontario	Canada	<u>View</u>	Mar 06, 2017
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68	Liz	Barris	Topanga	CA	USA	<u>View</u>	Mar 06, 2017
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66	Michael	PoolE	London	England	UK	N/G	Mar 05, 2017
65	Danielle	Sykes	Kalang	NSW	Australia	N/G	Mar 05, 2017
64	Hannah	Maria	Daylesford	VIC	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 05, 2017
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59	Anna	Harpley	Katoomba	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 05, 2017
58	D	Kemp	Littlehampton	SA	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 04, 2017
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56	Diane	Nielsen	Tommerup	N/G	Denmark	N/G	Mar 04, 2017
55	Susan	Fisher	Camberwell	Victoria	Australia	N/G	Mar 04, 2017
54	Sam	С	N/G	Midlands	UK	N/G	Mar 04, 2017
53	MIKE	Fromm	Tarome 4309	Qld	N/G	N/G	Mar 04, 2017
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49	Karen	Blomquist	Davis	CA	USA	<u>View</u>	Mar 04, 2017
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39	Kate	Corcoran	Glenhaven	New South	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 04, 2017
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21	Carl	Smith II	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	USA	N/G	Mar 03, 2017
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9	Kerrie	Haase	Canungra	Queensland	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 02, 2017
8	Marion	Harrington	4275	Qld	Australia	N/G	Mar 02, 2017
7	Rebecca	Gorman	Mundarlo	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 02, 2017
6	Anton	Vanderbyl	MULLUMBIMBY	NSW	Australia	N/G	Mar 02, 2017
5	Pauline	Kenyon	Tamborine	Qld	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 01, 2017
4	Lyn	McLean	N/G	NSW	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 01, 2017
3	Susie	Cox	Mt Tamborine	qld	Australia	<u>View</u>	Mar 01, 2017
2	Bettina	Stevanovic	Beaconsfield	New South	Australia	N/G	Mar 01, 2017
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1	Sue	Allan	N/G	N/G	Australia	N/G	Mar 01, 2017

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^{*} S/C/P - State, County or Province

^{*} View - view comment

Appendix: All signatures comments

221 Cheryl Shine Back to signature list

You promised the NBN would be Fibre Optic Cable (safe!) Now I am told I MUST consent to FIXED Wi-Fi to access NBN, which will be the only communication option I have as the copper landlines are being cut. My choice will be NO PHONE.

216 Gwen Hanna Back to signature list

Wireless signals are unreliable in my area.

Satellite is also unreliable and/or too slow.

A landline is my only viable means of communication on a farm 20 kms from the nearest tow.

It is IMPERATIVE that landlines be retained in rural areas.

215 Suza Ryan Back to signature list

We should all have access to landlines and not be forced into using mobile networks exposing families to RF EMFs

214 Ray Murphy Back to signature list

Keep landlines everywhere! Not only do we not want our ears fried by mobile devices, we do not wish to pay exorbitant rates by the minute to speak to friends. I want to be able to call a landline. What if a business has only a mobile number then puts you hold???

213 Tanya Heaton Back to signature list

People who reside in rural Australia are NOT second class citizens and deserve to have the option to choose radiation-free technology.

212 Lucinda Curran Back to signature list

All Australians should have equal access to basic telecommunication services. Landline connections are a basic telecommunication.

210 Bronwyn Bennett Back to signature list

Please do not isolate people by removing landlines..This technology hasnt been proven safe.

208 Denise Parker Back to signature list

Landlines needed in country as well as city areas.

207 Rochelle Ellwood Back to signature list

We have The right to live free of any radiation sickness etc.

205 Jodie Donnelly Back to signature list

Landlines must be left as an available option for everybody who wants to keep it. The last place I moved into was new and had just finished being built and it was made so hard for me to get the builder and sparky to enable wired use within the property. I have EHS/MTS which has left me unemployed for the last few years and more recently I am unable to find a place to live. The new suburbs in Penrith NSW are heavily Wi-Fi'd and littered with smart meters and the older

ones are having them deployed here and there and are closing in slowly but surely. I know just by walking down a street, if it is smart metered. Both my partner and I get problems in our esophagus, woozy and/or headachy and if we are there too long, chest pain. I also get these when around those using mobiles. I have spoken to many neighbours near the properties I attend to view as a possible rental and every one of them I have spoken to who are in close proximity to these things have insomnia, headaches and many other health issues since these things were covertly put in either theirs, or in their neighbours meter box. It is like a never ending nightmare, getting more horrifying day by day.

204 Mikala Dind Back to signature list

Those who don't suffer EHS etc may find it difficult to appreciate the physical impact that Wi-Fi can have, however, this is a real phenomenon. Moreover, there are a growing number of people who want to use landlines rather than Wi-Fi as a preventative measure

202 Cheryl Mead Back to signature list

100% behind reducing Wi-Fi and EMF. Please support this initiative. We need to reduce exposure.

201 Helen Murphy Back to signature list

I am sensitive to electromagnetic radiation and would not have any form of communication without my landline. This is not only unacceptable within a rural area but unacceptable that if I needed to call someone that I would be paying mobile calling rates. Having a decent conversation with even family members would be unaffordable. What is the real agenda here???

199 Ruth Love Back to signature list

I have no mobile reception here. I am alone and isolated here and need a landline.

What about all those people in hospitals and homes. They need a landline. Mobiles cannot be used in hospitals.

If there is a fire and I cannot get on to the satallite internet and do not have the phone how can I get help?

If I need to get to the hospital or police, how can i get help without a landline.

What about those in the outback who have no mobile reception?

Ruth Love

198 Sheridan Kennedy

Back to signature list

Rural and regional people need access to safe technologies and this is why Telstra should maintain landlines. Losing landlines in rural areas would be a human rights and health disaster. We need a radiation-free NBN for everyone.

193 Pamela Finlay Back to signature list

please keep our landline telephone

192 Ian Murray Back to signature list

My wife suffers from EHS and cannot tolerate Wi-Fi.

191 Glenys Murray Back to signature list

I suffer from EHS and cannot use a mobile phone or be in a house with Wi-Fi.

188 trevor ward Back to signature list

Land lines in Rural areas is their only lifeline when internet and cell towers are out. A landline needs no battery backup.

184 Chloe HendersonBack to signature list

There are many people sensitive to man-made radio frequencies who are sensitive to mobile towers and sick and who need to find a ""black hole" to exist. These retreats would be in regional areas far away from even highways. To install MORE mobile towers, whatever...to replace the promised cables in NBN is absolutely cruel to these poor ignored individuals.

183 Lois Stratford Back to signature list

This is a dangerous way of reneging on original cabled NBN for the rural community.

As a Productivity Commission, I trust that you are true to your obligations of protecting the health of the nation.

182 Phillip HansonBack to signature list

I have an existing landline and I have health concerns about EMR. I do not want my landline removed when the new tower is erected.

180 Phyllis Menos Back to signature list

This is not right. Country areas need landlines and alternative to wireless internet.

179 Alcy Infinity Back to signature list

I am absolutely totally horrified and outraged by this attack on all living beings in Australia. It is totally stupid, irresponsible, barbaric and criminal to use technologies based on microwaves with an energy level above 5microW/m2. The current levels are insane and are getting worse. It is shocking, disgusting, outraged to see landlines disappearing. Please learn from those who have done their homework. Bioinitiative.org

174 Robin Crawford Back to signature list

Impossible to trust non wireless broadband let alone wireless phones. There is dropouts happening too often

173 Michael Volansky

Back to signature list

In a view of dishonest unethical approach from Telus misleading people with their "Optic" as a benign fiber cable connected Internet, they in reality expending 5G cellular network which is not as advanced compared to real fiber connected Internet. They use "Optic" as a cover of last mile client connection where most of 5G infrastructure is wireless microcells placed near home with no any attention to precautionary measures. They used industry loopholes to escape from communities hearings and full disclosures of their intrusive wireless gateways.

171 adam gokmen Back to signature list

don't do that

169 Alda H Back to signature list

Voice communication, especially in an emergency is more important than NBN internet. This is so obvious it should not need to be said. During power blackouts I have been able to contact essential services with my landline. Mobile phones are useless without power to charge them and they only last a day or so. After a bushfire people have lost the ability to communicate with mobile phones.

All of the above applies to metropolitan areas as well as to rural. Wireless (microwave) communication is not suitable/possible for hypersensitive people now. As the effects of radiation are cumulative, in years to come more and more of us will be in this situation.

If Telstra does not want to do it, let's have a government communications body back again, Government has a role to play in essential services, where profit is not the overriding motive. The old Telecom could always be relied on, and did not cause health problems. Bring it back.

168 debra jai Back to signature list

I fully support that landlines remain a vital option for persons in rural areas. and not just for persons suffering EHS/MTS Electromagnetic HypersensitivitySydrome etc. I personally have a land line for phone and internet use, and I need to keep it. I avoid using mobile phones for phone conversations as much as possible and make great use of my landline. My use of landline is unlimited with my internet plan. I have a very ill son who resides in QLD and the landline enables me to have regular contact with him via my laneline. I would not be able to afford mobile charges and I find I suffer ear burn if I speak to long on the mobile and as my hearing is deteriorating, I find hearing much easier to regulate on the landline. Thank you for your compassionate understanding, Your sincerely, Ms Debra Jai,

166 Lyn Kellett Back to signature list

Quite apart from those of us who suffer the effects from EHS/MTS...after personally having lived through Black Saturday bushfires in and around Bendigo in 2009, I feel it is extremely important that people in all rural areas around Australia have ready and easy access to a landline for safety and peace of mind, this could well be be a lifeline for them too.

164 Maria van der VoortBack to signature list

Many people (and children!) are feeling unwell from exposure to wifi devices and smart meters near their front doors. They live in a constant state of hypertension and brain fog. These people have the right to stay connected to telephone landlines as their only means of communication. There are also older people who have never used computers and mobile phones, some by choice, others because it gives them stress. Landlines are vital for their ongoing connections to their friends and families.

163 Mary Sakara Back to signature list

Our rights are being taken from us by the Australian government, in concert with a corporation (NBN) that only cares about greed for profits and boosting its corporate profile. This is an outrage against those in the population who suffer from EHS, electromagnetic hypersensitivity, and are affected negatively by exposure to EMR from wireless devices such as NBN towers. Â Those of us who love our old landlines are being marginalised by an uncaring federal government and the greed of the NBN. To what low level have we descended here in this nation to have arrived at this terrible situation??

162 Eve Marso Back to signature list

When power is off during storms, trees falling on power lines, or bush fires, mobile phone towers may be affected, computers are not working, the only access to the outside world and vital information is though the landline. If that is removed whole communities are put in danger.

161 Chandra Easton Back to signature list

Medical sensitivity to wifi and mobiles means that i am completely reliant upon my fixed telephone line for connection with the world via phone and internet.

156 Amanda Hogg Back to signature list

I am all ready sick enough without more added on top!

152 Jim & Lyn HULL Back to signature list

I am sick of seeing politicians looking at rural people as second class citizens who do not deserve the same rights as those who live in the cities. NSW seems to stands for Newcastle Sydney & Wollongong and the rest of the State can go hell and the mining sector.

151 Yazrena Milne Back to signature list

I need the landline as the mobile signal is fairly weak here and at times there is no signal.

149 W B Burris Back to signature list

We rely on our landline -there is no reliable mobile coverage. Its a black hole. As well, we rely on our current copper cable internet access...via our landline.

148 P O'Connell Back to signature list

Everyone in Australia is deserving of a landline phone. Many don't use mobiles. Some of us want the choice. Mobile structures go down, electricity goes out, landlines stay connected throughout all of it. If you stop people accessing landlines, you're effectively stopping them having a life line.

You have no right to take this away from people. We are entitled to stay connected to emergency systems and personnel regardless of blackouts or systems being down. Our landlines in Australia have been the backbone of communication for millennia for a reason. Giving up what has worked, and been proven to be reliable, for so long, for a new technology which still goes down - ie the recent Telstra outage - is not only irresponsible, short sighted and narrow minded, it's insane and utterly stupid. If any of you have half a brain between you, please use it and do not take away landlines from rural persons, or any other persons. There are also plenty of elderly people in rural areas who don't use mobiles or the internet. You've no right to take away their fundamental connections with those they need or may need in case of emergency.

It's just not cricket. It's not on.

147 Barry Eaton Back to signature list

Governments need to remember there is a great number of people who do not live in big cities. They need to be taken into consideration and not just ignored. Remember they all vote too!

145 Zachary Casper Back to signature list

This petition is a great example of how many persons living in various regions of Australia have to contend and in many cases, fight against the specter of government stupidity allied with corporate greed when it comes to certain basic issues. In this case, the ridiculous decision of the government and the NBN to rip out landlines providing phone connection for some rural residents. It should be noted that the NBN rollout has to date been a partial disaster, already obsolete and far over budget. Now the Australian government wants to rip out land lines in some areas and replace it with wireless NBN connections. To what level of stupidity and ignorance will we descend here, while meanwhile ignoring the suffering of those who are EHS and thus experience ill health from wireless devices of all sorts??

143 Mary-Joy Payten Back to signature list

Another good reason to keep the landlines is when there is power outage, from bushfires and storms people can use the landline when the electronic stuff needs charging.

The countryside can be a place people are free of all interference from EMF etc. My head nearly exploded when I used a hands free for a three hour conversation. No problem on a landline.

141 Eda Howden Back to signature list

I personally don't agree with depriving people of the safest way (healthwise) of communication which is via landlines.

140 Angie Wallace Back to signature list

I love my home phone,

137 Andrea Griffith Back to signature list

I am currently in an area with NO mobile service - not Telstra, not Optus, nada. It is also prone to being cut off by flood waters. How could people in this area survive without landlines and the internet based on those landlines? It's not like they're all millionaires around here, most couldn't afford satellite phones. What is this insanity that wants to further marginalize the already marginalized in our society?

136 christine hamilton Back to signature list

during bushfire and electricity most likely out, a landline that does not need power to work is vital, among other reasons, we need our landlines

133 Patricia Shuttleworth

Back to signature list

I do have a sensitivity to wireless technology and my health would be very much negatively impacted if I lost my fixed landline so am therefore very much against any plans or proposals to do away with them. For the sake of those with compromised health issues/immune systems please consider the many people who would be negatively affected by such changes.

132 Naveen Albert Back to signature list

Landlines are more secure, more reliable, and work in power outage. They also have better audio quality. This is common sense to keep our best and highest quality voice communications system.

128 Julie Richardson Back to signature list

I have lived in Australia for 40 years, during which time the ubiquitous emergence of mobile phones has occurred. As a person with a history of electrohypersensitivity to Wi-Fi, having a landline is really so important to be well enough to function on a daily basis, whilst keeping my exposure to Wi-Fi at a minimum. To deny this to any individual is a breach of human rights.

127 Percy Caecere Back to signature list

EHS is a real condition and it is inhuman to discriminate against this segment of the population by removing their right to the communications network.

123 Wolter Joosse Back to signature list

Everyone has the inherent right to life and the right to protect his life from anything he believes to be harmful to same.

117 Delwyn Thomas Back to signature list

I know I am becoming more sensitive to EMF's and I should be allowed the option of having just a landline.

115 Jaine Que Back to signature list

I completely support continued access to landline phones and internet, especially for those with EHS.

112 Alanna Moore Back to signature list

111 Richard Giles Back to signature list

Please do not remove our landlines. It will put people who do not have access to a range of communications technologies and place them in an isolated situation with no land lines and failure of NBN during storms, cyclones and major weather events means they have no communications access to the rest of the world, Richard

110 Laurence Edwards

Back to signature list

It's one outrage after another with Telstra.

108 Don Wood

Back to signature list

I would like to keep my landline

107 Tom Oliver Back to signature list

Under the NBN, rural areas may not be provided with any sort of cable at all, only wireless connectivity. This poses a fundamental problem for this disadvantaged group as people with EHS/MTS cannot use wireless options. It is not about choice. It is about necessity: they only have ONE option: a land line. Therefore people with EHS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE THEIR EXISTING LAND LINE for their connectivity requirements whether telephone or internet

106 Glenda Smith Back to signature list

Rural residents, especially those with health problems, need to be able to retain their landlines as they are the only sure & secure means of communication. I live in a rural area, I have a mobile phone which is mostly only used when away from home. I could never be sure my mobile would work from within my house, especially during the day. If my land line is down and I have to use my mobile, I first have to go outside & find a signal to make a call, that is not something I would want to have to use all the time, especially as I am in my late 70's.

Please, for my sake, and for the sake of many many rural residents who are dependant on their land lines.

103 Linda Evans Back to signature list

I have new neighbours with young children that also live rurally and have been told they might not get a phone for years...this is ridiculous...update our cable.

101 Andrew SammanBack to signature list

It would be a tragedy for Australia to lose an established safe and secure network.

98 Glenn Macfarlane Back to signature list

Fubdamental rights in front of greed & profits

94 Barry Inkster Back to signature list

suffer extreme sensitivity to RF frequencies in the microwave Range MUST HAVE WIRED CONECTION

93 Paula Collins Back to signature list

Smarten up Australia!

92 Duncan Roads Back to signature list

We need landlines please!

90 Tania Busslinger Back to signature list

Don't make the mistake of removing all copper lines and then in 10 years it is accepted by governments that wireless technology is harmful and have to put them all in the ground again!! Costing us the taxpayer!

88 malcolm boughey Back to signature list

A landline is a liveline in the country areas

82 Julie McCredden Back to signature list

Without a landline people may die due to being unable to get help in emergencies. Landlines are the only fail safe method of communication as well as the least harmful

81 Susannah Wilson Back to signature list

It is a human right to have a landline. I urge you to ensure landline remains available in rural areas.

79 Kenneth Lavallee Back to signature list

This whole agenda is wrong. The forcing us to take it or leave it, is an attitude that is just not right.

78 Merrilyn Whitecross Back to signature list

Do not take the landline away from rural areas

77 Geri Johnson Back to signature list

I suffer from Electro Magnetic Hypersensitivity since the Smart Meter was installed. We are now off grid but my symptoms remain. I can't use a mobile phone or have wifi in the house.

76 Sharon WilliamsBack to signature list

Once again, a government initiative whereby they have not given much thought or consideration to those living in the rural sector suffering from health issues or who need landlines for security reasons ie MEPAC systems, or security systems.

75 Kristine BrownBack to signature list

Please keep rural landlines

72 Glenda Browne Back to signature list

I choose to stay healthy and avoid as much electromagnetic exposure as possible. I only talk on my landline using a phone with a cord and wish to keep it that way. Thank you.

71 Michael Thomson Back to signature list

I am an EHS sufferer. We need wired/fibre links for communications. We need to live in the country to give more distance from our neighbours' wireless devices.

70 Sharon Bosworth Back to signature list

Not just in Rural areas, in a power outage e.g. storm a landline is a must, I use my landline to avoid using mobile phones too frequently.

69 deanna munson Back to signature list

keep landlines everywhere! some of us have already been permanently damaged by wireless technology making it impossible to even call 911 in an emergency

68 Liz Barris Back to signature list

Taking away landlines is a possible death sentence to people who can't use wireless anymore because their DNA is already too fragmented. Forcing a possible carcinogen on anyone should be punishable by prison.

64 Hannah Maria Back to signature list

I know of several people suffering from EHS, and there is no doubt that if all landlines were removed, many more people, who now are on corded connections, would turn out to suffer the same condition.

62 Sophie Meneguzzi

Back to signature list

KEEP LAND LINES IN RURAL AREAS

60 Carolyn Hall Back to signature list

This is very important to all Australians

We ask, in the most emphatic terms, to please ensure LAND LINES REMAIN AVAILABLE IN RURAL AREAS.

59 Anna Harpley Back to signature list

Microwave radiation is dangerous. We have a right to corded phones and safety.

58 D Kemp Back to signature list

Class 2b carcinogen not regulated air pollution? I don't think so! We should have a say in being exposed to a possible carcinogen!

57 Pri Bandara Back to signature list

As an expert in the health impact of wireless radiation (radiofrequency/microwave), I am very concerned to see Australia's move away from safe landlines to wireless communications. This is going to negatively impact the population with an expected increase in neurological diseases and cancer.

52 Grace Burke Back to signature list

People should have a RIGHT whether or not to be exposed to wireless radiation. Wireless radiation is harmful and it is known to cause MANY health problems. Electro-hypersensitive people will be ill, unable to work and will have no place to go.

51 John Heasman Back to signature list

NBN fixed wireless is useless in the event of power failure either at the NBN tower or in the home of the NBN user. So, in the case of a natural disaster (fire or flood) when communication is vital, loss of power and therefore communications is obscene. Copper land line must be retained until optical fibre cable is available in rural areas.

50 Linda Welch Back to signature list

Our landline is our main source of communication and it is vitally important to our family for health reasons that we have our landline remain just the way it is.

49 Karen Blomquist Back to signature list

Keep land lines as they work better!!

Are safer!!

47 Shelia DeBrita Back to signature list

Land lines is our only contact to the outside world.

46 Sue Barker Back to signature list

I wish to retain my wired connection via my landline - NOT WIRELESS.

There are too many unknowns with wireless technology and we have not had it long enough for there to have been any long term studies. Until Telstra can GUARANTEE there are no side effects, I wish to have the option to stay with wired options. My health is the most important thing I have, and I do not wish tohave it compromised in any way.

45 Pat Slattery Back to signature list

I am in orocess if serking refuge from wifi overseas. Have docs getting passpory. Driven out of protected home by 5g just weks before optic fibre nbn arrives. Ridiculous levels in Australia with no oversight of non ionizing radiation. I'm leaving my large family because I eant to live

42 Elizabeth Doonan Back to signature list

From an EHS sufferer also concerned about the safety of everyone who does not yet know they are impacted by wireless.

41 Roberta Adam Back to signature list

I suffer from EHS. Keep the land lines.

40 jeff carter Back to signature list

We do not want Microwave Networks or Wi Fi any more. They are a threat to our safety.

39 Kate Corcoran Back to signature list

As an EHS sufferer struggling to maintain employment due to extensive and strengthening Wi-Fi networks and mobile phone networks, I rely heavily on a landline phone for connectivity for both professional and social purposes - more so now that I am working primarily from home due to this sensitivity as I am made chronically unwell in my workplace. Although I currently live in an area that is due for Fixed Line NBN I am uncertain if I will be able to continue living here, for financial reasons, and this will become more difficult if I am unable to work due to EHS. There is high chance I may

only be able to afford to live in regional or rural area of Australia - areas most likely to have Fixed Wireless NBN. I therefore support this Petition on the maintenance of landline phones in rural areas - a necessity for the health of the population in general (to ensure they can minimise their exposures to RF EMR - a 2B possible carcinogen), but more importantly and necessarily so the growing numbers of people suffering EHS - many of whom are no longer able to live in big cities - are able to maintain access to a safe and reliable technology communications tool free of RF EMR emissions.

38 michael meszaros Back to signature list

we aren't going to buy your radiation service.

33 Stephanie Dickerson

Back to signature list

I can not have any wireless in my environment. I MUST have a landline. Many are like myself, unable to use wireless. KEEP landlines in place.

31 Andrea March Back to signature list

With more people being affected with WiFi radiation, more research is needed before doing away with landlines. We are being bombarded on all fronts with radiation so doing away with radiation free methods, just doesnt make sense.

26 George Parker Back to signature list

There are many EHS sufferers who are being intentionally ignored by the server and wireless companies. To force EHS sufferers to be radiated with wireless radiation against their will is criminal, when the server knows that microwave non-ionised radiation is a certain risk and is classified 2B Carcinogenic and has a bearing on human health. By removing wire cable from use is removing an alternate means of communications and lack of "due care―. The egregious character of wireless radiation has a bearing on human health. No human being should be forced and be radiated against their will, which is intended by the server in forcing EHS sufferers to give up their safe copper line and human rights, which a form of assault, abuse and bullying. Copper cable, is their lifeline to the elderly, the ill and EHS sufferers, and the removal of such and being forced to use wireless that causes other health problems, such as: neurological, cardiovascular and haemodynamic disorders. They also know that WIRELESS RADTIAION is classified 2B Carcinogenic, the same as LEAD and DDT.

23 katie hulse Back to signature list

I would be totally isolated without a landline, as I can't use a mobile as I'm highly sensitive to radiation, which makes me ill.

20 Rosemarie Russell Back to signature list

I use my landline. I live next to a cell tower that has caused most in my area to have no cell service at all among other problems with electromagnetic interference on electrical lines. The landline works when there are power outages and wireless does not.

19 Jane Ferris Back to signature list

Keep Landlines Everywhere!

17 Theo Maksor Back to signature list

Hard wired land line is our only means of communication. Removing that will cause me to have a Physical Impairment (Disability). I can not use wireless and thus need assistance for my communications (as I will become disabled whitout a

hard wired land line) - under the international convention for Human Rights that means that I am entitled to dayly care and support for my existence. A lot cheaper would be to keep the land line alive!

12 Blair Andrew Back to signature list

The evidence is clear to anyone that we are faced with "the world's largest biological experiment ever", as Professor Leif Salford, Neurologist said in relation to the massive push for everything to be wireless. The levels of Electromagnetic Microwave Radiation we are all being subjected to is leading to the largest health disaster in the history of mankind, Do something about, Be informed.

11 Stephen Hall Back to signature list

Everyone needs options of cable especially young children.

9 Kerrie Haase Back to signature list

Let's keep the landlines

7 Rebecca Gorman Back to signature list

Please take heed of these concerns!

5 Pauline Kenyon Back to signature list

My body does not tolerate radiation. By this I mean I have had to reduce my exposure to wifi and wireless devices as I get terrible symptoms when I'm around it and nothing when I'm away from it. Please don't take my landline away, I can't afford to be sick all the time.

4 Lyn McLean Back to signature list

Australians should have the right to choose whether to use wired or wireless phone connections - particularly when wireless radiation has never been proven safe and thousands of peer-reviewed scientific studies show evidence of adverse effects.

3 Susie Cox Back to signature list

My children have been diagnosed with EHS or Electrohypersensitivity. We are disadvantaged now, as the children cannot attend schools with the proliferation of wifi. Shopping centres, buses, trains, events in the community are difficult for our family and we have had to move to the country to avoid wireless devices and cell towers. To take away our landline in exchange for 'fixed wireless' or even satellite is a no go. The children's symptoms from exposure to radiation include: headaches, migraines, heart palpitations, breathing difficulty, tinnitus, joint aches, insomnia and the list goes on. A landline without radiation is required for us to LIVE and children's education through distance ed. Please don't take away our lifeline to the public. I don't know how we could possibly survive.