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The ACCC's approach to regulation

- ACCC must ensure the long-term interests of all end-users by having regard to:
 - Promoting competition; and
 - Encouraging efficient investment in, and use of, current and future infrastructure.
- LTIE best served by access prices that reflect efficient costs

Current issues

Transmission services

- ACCC developing a transmission pricing model
- The model will inform the ACCC's estimation of cost between various capital-regional locations & Melbourne-Hobart
- May be used in future commercial negotiations for transmission services

Current issues

CDMA shutdown

- ACCC identified concerns regarding claims made about coverage and availability of Telstra's NextG network
- In December 2007 the Federal Court made injunctions restraining Telstra from making certain representations about the NextG network

Current issues

National Broadband Network

- ACCC to provide advice to the expert panel on:
 - Wholesale access services and prices;
 - Access arrangements;
 - Proposed legislative or regulatory changes;
 - Likely impact on pricing, competition and the LTIE.