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Parts of suburban Canberra experience the problems of rural and regional Australia in relation to availability of wireless broadband.

2. I live in a street in Campbell where the NBN only became available in September 2020. Therefore, years beforehand, I had signed up with Telstra wireless broadband for use at home in Campbell, which was also useful when I was down at my farming business in Yea, Victoria. I live in one of the five streets on the Eastern side of Campbell (east of the reservation for Monash Drive which was never constructed) "forgotten" by the NBN, perhaps because TransACT had installed fibre in the area. But for someone who had an e-mail address with a non-TransACT Internet service provider, there was no inclination to go through the hassle of changing an e-mail address that was widely used in a lot of contexts.

3. But of late, with greater use of the Internet during COVID-19 whilst many people work from home, I find that often when Federal Parliament is sitting in Canberra there is very little bandwidth except late at night, and at times you cannot even get a connection to Telstra wireless broadband !

4. Clearly Telstra should provide adequate wireless broadband in Canberra to service the needs of the Australian Parliament. But the ongoing needs of full-time residents of Canberra should also be provided for even when Parliament is sitting !

Yours sincerely,

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