

At our residence in Beetaloo Valley we have the following communications tools:

1. A Telstra landline which drops in and out with changes in the weather. Being unreliable it is maintained on the cheapest contract available as an emergency backup. Outgoing calls are too expensive to contemplate unless in an emergency but incoming calls are taken for work.
2. Two Telstra mobiles which receive one bar of signal if used in the right places in the house. These are used for all outgoing calls.
3. A Sky Muster Satellite connection which is not able to stream continuous data. Video content has to be restarted at least 6 times in 30 minutes. 20Gb of the 40Gb plan is late in the night and remains unused. Because the signal needs monitoring you can't rely on an upload or download being successful if left alone.
4. For this we pay a total of around \$170 per month. We have no access to cheap bundles of services because Telstra chose not to be in the satellite market.
5. We hope as people did 50 years ago for a phone, a phone that works and best of all a phone that works all the time.