

Abstract

Australia's size and population distribution makes the provision of the same grade of telecommunications services to all Australians a difficult task. Various methods have been used to provide cheap and reliable telecommunications services to even the most remote parts of Australia. These services typically provided only basic voice and low rate data services. However, the growth of the internet for both personal and commercial use is necessitating a re-examination of the telecommunications requirements of regional and remote Australia. A number of the initiatives are being undertaken to improve the delivery of broadband services especially to regional and remote areas.