

The Federal Governments "Government Business Enterprise", NBN Co have engaged Ericsson to deploy Fixed Wireless to rural and regional Australians as part of the National Broadband Network roll-out.

I am a technical engineer that informed NBN Co that Ericsson were deploying Fixed Wireless Towers needlessly close to residential areas. NBN Co objective is to install transmitters as close to the center of communities as they can, despite the effective range of their equipment being 14Km.

This policy has increased the Free to Air viewers who are experiencing "RECEIVER OVERLOAD", potentially worsened by increased numbers of NBN Co "ROOFTOP TRANSMITTERS" used to access Fixed Wireless being deployed and to a lesser extent Mobile Carriers (Yamba NSW, Telstra TV Reception taken out by 4G upgrade).

ACMA are aware of this issue and advised contacting the local Federal Member to inquire about affected users being compensated by way of a 4G Filter device to remove the range of interference and reduce the signals before they pass through the "signal boosters". These boosters are required to obtain any TV signals due to the distance from the Television Transmitters.

The response (bureaucratic nonsense filtered) was as follows:

Senator Mitch Fifield, Minister for Communications has finally responded to the Member for Page, Kevin Hogan.

1. In remote and rural regional areas where television boosters are needed to amplify the TV signal then a strong UNWANTED signal will OVERLOAD the antenna called 'RECEIVER OVERLOAD'
2. Provided the Service Providers operate within their respective transmitter licenses, there is no compensatory mechanism available to affected viewers
3. The NBN Co transmitter towers installed just 800 meters from your constituents home cannot be the cause of the interference despite the fact the interference started when the NBN Tower started to operate and despite us just confirming you that it is overloading their antenna
4. If your constituent has issues with this letter and they have legal concerns, get legal advice before suing us

*****End Ministerial Response

The cost per user to filter the interference is approximately \$200 to have a device installed where the NBN Co/Carrier signal overloads the TV Antenna is filtered out - restoring Free to Air television to thousands of affected viewers across the country.

The deploying of 4G signals & 4G Fixed Wireless (NBN Co) are directly

affecting the Free to Air viewers . I am such a viewer that REFUSES TO PAY TO RESOLVE the interference as this was caused by a government owned company that must accept that it needs to fix my reception issues that it has caused.

Unfortunately until this issue is resolved many people (unaware of the cause of their deteriorating Digital TV Reception) and may contribute tot the decline of your members advertising, viewership & profitability.