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## China slams Australia over 'double standards' in cyber security

China has taken a swipe at Australia over the country's encryption law, saying it was "baffling" how Canberra could on the one hand claim that other countries posed security threats, while on the other hand engage in acts that endangered the cyber security of other nations.

#### NZ telco Spark cops fine of \$675K for misleading consumers

New Zealand's largest telco Spark has been hit with a fine of \$675,000 for making false or misleading representations in its customer invoicing, and when making a \$100 credit offer to new customers.

#### CA seeks feedback on stronger mobile premium services code

Industry lobby group the Communications Alliance wants changes to the telecoms code which will strengthen consumer protections for telecommunications users.

#### Optus mobile black spot program continues apace

Optus continues the rollout of its black spot program with a new tower switched on in the NSW town of Curlewis to give improved mobile coverage across the Liverpool Plains area.

# Smartphones with dedicated AI chips to make up 75% of sales by 2022

The sales of smartphones that use artificial intelligence for processing is forecast to increase from 190 million units in 2018 to 1.25 billion units in 2022, which is more than three-fourths of the total that will ship that year.

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