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#### AT&T to acquire Time Warner for US\$85 billion in major media/comms shakeup

Remember when AT&T was broken up in the US? Whether you do, or don?t, AT&T is on the verge of becoming the most powerful telco and media organisation in the world.

#### Spectrum up for grabs at ACMA auction

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has released a consultation paper on its proposal to auction off spectrum that remained unsold after the 700 MHz digital dividend auction three years ago.

## NBN Co tells world broadband forum of need for faster rollout to meet deadlines

NBN Co chief network and operations officer JB Rousselot has told the Broadband World Forum in London that the company needs to move faster in rolling out the broadband network and activating premises.

#### **Optus Satellite secures deal with Aeeris**

Optus Satellite has inked an agreement with Aeeris, the developer, operator and provider of the Early Warning Network (EWN).

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### Ericsson makes US\$26 million quarterly loss in post-4g, pre-5G environment

Although 5G is what many are banking on, tough competition from Huawei and Nokia and a post-4G and pre-5G world sees Ericsson making a loss - for now.

### Census 2016: Vocus lays blame on IBM employees

Vocus Communications has hit back at IBM's claims that it was complicit in the 2016 census debacle, saying that the site went down because IBM employees incorrectly identified normal data traffic as data exfiltration and manually turned off their Internet gateway routers.



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#### Telstra digital chief now Tyro top man

Former Telstra digital chief Gerd Schenkel is the new boss of payments processing company Tyro, taking over from founder and largest shareholder Jost Stollmann.

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