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## Rapid growth in Australian mobile market for China's Huawei, Oppo

Australians are buying up mobile phones from big Chinese companies Huawei and Oppo faster than they are snapping up handsets from other phone providers, according to new research which reveals Huawei's share of purchases grew by 87% to 471,000 handsets in the 12 months to September 2108.

#### Labor asks why comms policy roadmap missing after two years

Labor Shadow Communications Minister Michelle Rowland has taken another potshot at her Coalition counterpart, Mitch Fifield, questioning why the communication policy roadmap touted by the government in 2016 is still under development.

#### ACCAN: consumers must be first when VHA-TPG merger considered

The Australian Communications Consumer Action Network says the proposed merger between Vodafone Hutchison Australia and TPG Telecom must be viewed through the lens of ensuring consumers a competitive and affordable telco sector.

# T-Mobile-Sprint merger likely after deal to exclude Huawei

US companies T-Mobile and Sprint have cut a deal with US national security authorities to get a proposed merger approved, by agreeing to put a brake on using equipment from Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei.

# Encryption law not smart politics, says Signal developer

The Federal Government's encryption law does not seem like smart politics, but then nothing about it seems particularly smart, according to developer Joshua Lund who works for the project developing the encrypted messaging app Signal.

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