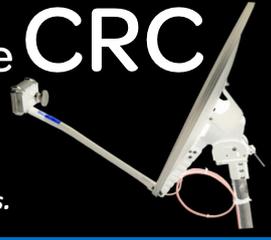




# Winners & Losers

a little CRC



Starlink and Skymuster NBN are the two different ways of connecting to the internet via satellite in Northcliffe. They have different strengths and weaknesses.

Starlink	V S	Skymuster
Only one monthly plan available: \$139 / month. Half price equipment, free postage until 31/12/2: \$450 up front vs \$1029 normally.	<b>PRICE:</b> Skymuster wins	Monthly plans available from \$35 to \$200 per month. Install is free but generally \$200 optional hardware. --Large streaming plans are prohibitively expensive.
+Reliable except very heavy weather. +Speeds are the best on offer in Northcliffe. +slightly broader range of sight lines to sky.	<b>QUALITY:</b> ?	+Reliable except very heavy weather. +Speeds are excellent. -requires fairly clear lines of sight (no trees).
USA based corporation - SpaceX. ...revolutionising access to the internet and space. Receives zero government subsidies.	<b>CONTEXT:</b> ?	National Broadband Network. Access via a choice of private companies. Heavily subsidised by Government.
+Satellites being upgraded and replaced constantly. -Customer pays for new hardware whenever it breaks.	<b>FUTURE PROOF:</b> Starlink wins	-Satellites have est. 10 years left before obsolescence. +Larger download allowances are on offer as total number of users is in decline.
++Unlimited download and fast pings.	<b>GAMING:</b> Starlink wins	-Too laggy for online gaming. +Downloads now unlimited on Skymuster Plus plans.
++Unlimited high speed.	<b>STREAMING:</b> (Youtube, Netflix etc) Starlink wins	--Need to limit usage between 4pm and midnight.
--Limited and slow support via online tickets only 12 months warranty on equipment.	<b>WARRANTY &amp; SUPPORT:</b> Skymuster wins	++Unlimited warranty (you don't own equipment). +Wide range of Australian companies offering different support levels.

**Northcliffe CRC Members - It's AGM time**  
 NCRC AGM: 5pm Monday 12th December at the NCRC  
 A Special Resolution will be proposed to change the constitution. Please return your proxy forms or come along to vote in person. All details of the proposed constitutional changes are here:  
[northcliffe.org.au/ncrc.html#2022ruleschange](http://northcliffe.org.au/ncrc.html#2022ruleschange)

*Christmas / New Year  
 Closing dates at NCRC*  
 Last day open 2022: Friday 23 December 2022  
 First day open 2023: Tuesday 3 January 2023  
*Merry Christmas and Happy 2023!*

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