



I am looking at my phone, internet & mobile phone bills and wondered if the best option is to bundle the three of them together to save money?

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All Australians can save money on their phone, internet and mobile phone bills.

And the bundling of communication expenses – where companies package the three together - is a great way to do it but it's not necessarily the best solution.

Compared to 20 years ago when we only had a home phone, it is amazing just how much of the family budget is spent these days on communication.

Every man and his dog now has a mobile. Even Grandma who was so against the technology when it first came out now has the internet and loves it!

So how can you save? All it takes is a little bit of planning and time.

Alot of people get mixed up between needs and wants. The first thing I would be looking at is if you really need all three items or whether it is a luxury to have one of them. Why bundle three when you only need to pay for two.

For example, ask yourself if the home phone is really relevant with mobiles, internet and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology, such as Skype.

Before you shop for a deal, do your homework and analyse your usage. How much time do you spend on the phone? How much do the kids download from the net?

And with a bit of discipline can some of this usage be reasonably reduced?

Once you are equipped with this information you are ready to shop around and find the deal that is right for you.

Remember that cheapest does not always guarantee the best. If you require mobile phone coverage in remote parts of Australia there is a good chance that you will be frustrated by a \$10 plan. Just as you would if you had a slow internet connection.

To compare mobile, internet and phone plans, go to www.youcompare.com.au