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ISP merger

Resistance probably futile

Pioneering Perth broadband provider iiNet looks set to merge with New Zealand ISP ihug. Ihug has around 150,000 customers in New Zealand and Australia, making it one of Australia's ten largest ISPs. iiNet recently expanded its bliink ADSL service to cover the ACT, the Northern Territory, Tasmania and South Australia. "The new Adelaide POP will allow bliink customers to enjoy the benefits of broadband including flat rate billing, faster downloads and an always-on Internet facility," said network manager Roger Yerramsetti. The first Tasmanian bliink accounts were activated on June 23, following iiNet's introduction of broadband services into New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland earlier this year.