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Fed Up With Overseas Support?

One bad day played twice, why distance turns into not caring, and four tests to run on any provider before you sign.

Where a support desk sits matters less than three plain things: **can the person who answers see your service, are they allowed to fix it, and will they still be there tomorrow?** Distance and reselling someone else's network make all three harder.

One bad Tuesday, played twice (illustration)

What broke	Far away, resold network	Local, own network
8.40am: main number quiet	Ticket, then hand-offs to another company	Looks at your service while you talk
11.15am: port stuck	Each side blames the other	Finds the mismatch; tells you not to cancel
2.30pm: bill wrong	Template reply, new person each time	Someone who can see the account explains it

Why distance turns into not caring

- **Access:** resellers can see your account, not the network.
- **Metrics:** handle time and tickets closed reward ending the call, not the problem.
- **Context:** nbn appointments, Australian porting and long weekends need explaining.
- **Time zones:** urgent faults wait for engineers to wake up.

Be fair about it

Plenty of overseas providers are excellent and some Australian ones aren't. Local has fewer excuses, not a guarantee.

Four tests to run on any provider, before you sign

1. **Ring support, not sales,** on a weekday morning. Note how long it takes and whether a person can answer a real question.
2. **Ask who owns the network** your calls travel over, and how a fault reaches the people who fix it.
3. **Ask where your data sits:** recordings, voicemails, call logs and contacts, and who can access them.
4. **Ask what happens after hours,** exactly, at 7pm on a Friday.

If a port is stuck

Never cancel the old service while you wait. Ask which detail was rejected: account number, business name or address.

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