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Mobile Phones

Australia has three major mobile phone networks / providers:

1. Telstra - Australia's leading provider with the best regional coverage.
2. Optus - second in area coverage to Telstra, best value pre-paid data plan
3. Vodafone - smaller of the three major networks, covering metropolitan areas.

There are also multiple other branded networks which piggy back off one of the major networks. All will require you to show ID when establishing a connection.

When considering your long-term options for your mobile phone you have three options;

1. Pre-paid tariff
2. SIM-only contract using your existing mobile phone
3. New mobile phone and contract.

If you decide to take the contract option (either SIM-only or new mobile phone) you will need to consider and be clear of your needs for the length of contract (some can be up to 24 months), included data package and included local, national and international calls as once you are signed into the contract it can be costly to maintain or cancel if it doesn't work for you.