

Briefs: N.Z. Telecom to decide 3G tech by 2007

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Telecom New Zealand will decide which technology it will use in its 3G wireless network by the end of the year, it was reported Monday.

Telecom is weighing the option of using UMTS technology, the same that is used by rival Vodafone and by Australia's Telstra.

Stuff.co said the head of Telecom's mobile operations confirmed the company was happy with its CDMA wireless network and could also consider buying the Code-Division Multiple Access network in Australia that Telstra is planning to replace. Such a move would give Telecom roaming capabilities in Australia and avoid the expenditure of \$500 million to build a third-generation network from scratch.

Telecom also confirmed that the company's current CDMA network was not for sale.

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