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# Truly neutral host: benefits for all



# BAI delivers – scale, reach & experience

## Our footprint and solution portfolio



### Key figures

- +100 years in communications
- Presence on 4 continents
- Over 900 full-time employees and access to +2,000 partner staff
- Communications networks in
  - 400+ subway stations
  - and tunnels
- Over 750 transmission sites (including towers) in Australia
- 13 MNO partners globally
- Majority-owned by Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments) since 2009



Small cells, DAS and towers



Transit connectivity



Venue connectivity



Fibre



IOT and smart cities



Private networks



Broadcast services



Emergency services



# What we do | Our customers

Smart infrastructure to support the communities of the future



## Broadcast (TV & radio)

Deliver television and radio services nationally on behalf of the public broadcasters ABC, SBS & commercial broadcasters.



### Customers include:

- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)
- Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)



## Tower infrastructure & network solutions

Provision of active sharing of infrastructure (locations / access rights) and edge compute (routing data from fibre networks to the internet) to expand mobile connectivity in complex environments. Key focus on blackspot programs.



- Optus
- Telstra
- Vodafone
- Australian Communications and Media Authority
- Department of Regional NSW



## Public wireless solutions

Own, design, build and operate services for road and rail corridors, and dense public spaces/venues to provide ubiquitous high quality service for operators and customers alike.



- Sydney Metro
- Toronto Transit Commission
- Transport for London
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Crypto.com



## Private wireless solutions

Own, design, build and operate services for private wireless networks for large site facilities, venues, campuses, major events.



- Australian Meat Processing Corporation
- Moray East Offshore Windfarm



## Smart precinct solutions

Bespoke build and operate smart precinct solutions combining multiple technologies.



- Sunderland City Council
- Transport for London



## Public safety networks

Design, build and operate critical communication services, state radio and comms networks to provide high quality, reliable and responsive service for participating agencies and users.



- NSW Telco Authority
- Transport for London
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority

# What is a neutral host and what are the benefits?



**95%**

Delivering reliable connectivity across the organisation

**93%**

Enabling network coverage in venues with limited space

**93%**

Increasing network coverage at lower cost

**90%**

Increasing network capacity

Source: [BAI Communications Smart communities report 2022](#)



# Redefining the connected 5G experience at Crypto.com Arena and L.A. Live



## Crypto.com Arena, Los Angeles

Located in the heart of Los Angeles, the 20,000 seat Crypto.com Arena and its 4 million square foot sports arena and entertainment district L.A Live, required a major overhaul of its communications network across the entire campus to provide a compelling connected experience for both guests and employees.

Mobilitie, a BAI communications company, was approached to deliver a state-of-the-art 5G network that delivered both ubiquitous connectivity and coverage across multiple properties.



Flexibility in delivery

### Operations

Restricted areas – close working relationship with venue operators to minimise disruption.



Guests

20 million

A year enjoying a connected experience.



Ahead of schedule

### Complexities

From design through to successful deployment.



New technology

### Experience

Drive a compelling fan and guest experience along with efficiency in day-to-day operations.



Together with Mobilitie, we are paving the way for the arrival of 5G technology and upgrading our world-class facilities with a high-performing network that will revolutionize connectivity for our guests and allow us to help shape the future of sports and live entertainment as we know it.

**Lee Zeidman**

President, Crypto.com Arena & L.A. LIVE





# Transport for London – 20 year contract

BAI investing > GBP 1 billion to support the Connected London vision

## Creating the next generation connected city

### Mobile coverage in stations and tunnels

Neutral host services through 137 stations, platforms and 400kms tunnel pairs.



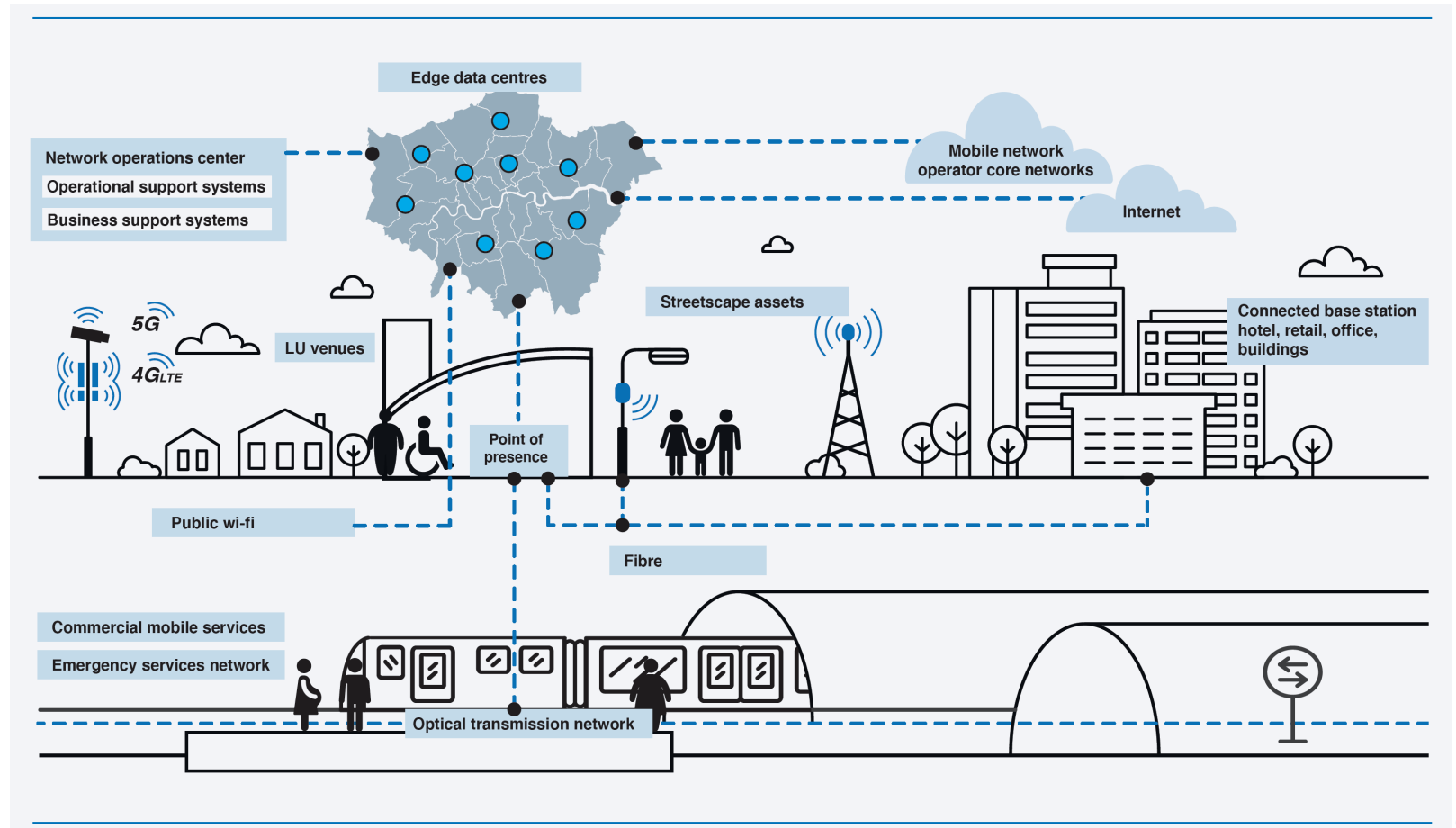
### 80k small cell and IoT sensor locations

Located on never used before TfL assets including LU stations, lampposts, CCTV poles, traffic signals and bus shelters.



### Over 200kms of dense underground fibre

Running through the London Underground providing a critical backbone of connectivity throughout the city.



# Sunderland awarded a 20-year strategic partnership to BAI Communications to design, build & operate the next generation digital infrastructure

- Sunderland has identified digital transformation as a key enabler for the future growth of this key region.
- The digital transformation will be a city-wide partnership across all areas such as health, education and the private sector.
- The key objective is to deliver improvements across health, care, education and enterprise for all.
- Having a state-of-the-art connectivity infrastructure is critical to deliver value across all stakeholders.

The vision – by 2030 Sunderland will be a connected, international city for residents, businesses & visitors

## Sunderland smart city model



Data analysis & visualization



Smart city operations centre



Smart city sensor network



Delivering ubiquitous connectivity



# Sunderland smart city solution key highlights



## 5G small cells Riverside and City Centre:

- City centre small cell grid, connected via fibre and high-speed microwave.
- Offering council assets for future MNO small cell deployments.
- Central 5G Core Network.



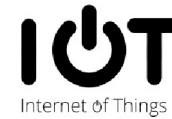
## Wi-Fi Takeover and expansion downtown:

- Existing high quality outdoor Wi-Fi network.
- Expand footprint of Wi-Fi network downtown.



## LoRaWAN Regional radio bearer network:

- Region wide, low speed radio bearer network for sensor connectivity.



## IoT use cases:

- Using LoRaWAN network and other access technologies for outdoor sensors (traffic, footfall, air quality) and indoor sensor (assistive care, housing) connectivity, providing simple analytics.



## 5G private network use cases:

- 5G Private Network opportunities – Nissan, Port, Culture House.



# How does the neutral host approach contrast with other approaches?

## Single entity owned and controlled

This is the most familiar traditional MNO approach where each operator deploys their own poles and antenna systems.

## Shared passive assets between MNOs





















There has been some examples of sharing of passive infrastructure for macro cells over the years, but in every case each MNO has controlled their Radio Access Network (RAN).

With in-building solutions, an MNO is nominated as the 'lead carrier' and they coordinate with the landlord and the other MNOs who are interested in a shared solution. The system is then owned and operated by the lead carrier.

## Active sharing controlled by an MNO

More recently, two of the MNOs have proposed that an active sharing model is possible for macro cells in some regional and remote parts of the country.

# What are the incentives for each model?

	Single entity owned and controlled	Shared passive assets between MNOs	Active sharing controlled by an MNO	Neutral host
Differentiated coverage				
Reduced cost to MNO				
Minimising duplication of assets				
Maximising competition				
Maximising number of sharees				

 Optimum
  Almost there
  Partially positive
  Least positive





# Thank you!

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