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In Australia the Mobile Telephone service is supplied as a monopoly by Telecom Australia. You can buy a phone unit from anyone, but TA links you to the PSTN.

The phone numbers of mobile phones all begin with a pseudo area code 018. The next digit reflects the area code of the home area eg Melbourne is 03, so a mobile phone from Melbourne is 018 3xx xxx.

Since TA monopolises the PSTN for the whole of Australia, roaming is no problem, except in remote and rural areas which are not covered by the cellular network.

I don't know the rental on the service, but call rates are as follows:

All charges are paid by the caller, whether to or from a mobile phone.

All calls are charged at the same rate as a normal long distance call, but with a minimum calling distance of 745km (465 miles).

Distance	1-745km	> 745 km
Time		
8am-6pm Mon-Fri	39c	57c
6pm-10pm Mon-Fri	26c	38c
10pm-8am Mon-Fri		
6pm Sat-8am Mon	15c	23c

Like all calls in Australia the charges are made in multiples of \$0.21, which is the minimum charge per call.

AUD\$1.00= USD\$0.77 and AUD\$1.00 = 48 pence?

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