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Call for plug to be pulled on net filter

THE federal Government has been told to abandon a push for internet filters following the decision of a second service provider to withdraw from a planned trial.

Australia's third largest internet service provider, iiNet, advised the Government on Monday it would withdraw from the trial, citing "corporate social responsibility" concerns.

Telstra is also out, preferring to test its own technology, while Optus is in negotiations over its participation.

Online advocacy group GetUp director Simon Sheikh said it was time to pull the plug on the trial.