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Dear Clare

Thank you for organising the walk through session of the Ultra-Fast Broadband BSS / OSS Business Interaction Framework, which was attended by David Lloyd from the Ministry of Education. We appreciate the opportunity to make a submission on the framework.

The Ministry of Education has been working closely with Crown Fibre Holdings and the Ministry of Economic Development to ensure that the Government's investment in Ultra-fast Broadband meets the needs of New Zealand's schools.

We have reviewed the framework document and acknowledge the significant work undertaken by the Telecommunications Carriers' Forum in its development.

Our feedback is in the area of build planning on page 6 of the document. In the table at the bottom of the page the trigger is that the build forecasts will be developed every 12 months. What is not discussed is the timeframe that the build plan will cover. Is it for the following 12 months, a rolling 3 years, or some other time frame?

This is of particular interest to the Ministry and schools because of our 5 year capital planning program. Schools will potentially have a number of changes to make in order to make the best use of the capability that Ultra-fast Broadband will provide - Network and wiring upgrades, teacher training, procurement of new or additional hardware etc. This work needs to be planned by schools in their forward plans - and for capital expenditure this occurs at 5-yearly intervals.

In order to ensure the fastest uptake and the most effective use of the new fibre services, it is imperative that schools are given a lengthy advanced notice of when the fibre capability will be made available to them, hence the need to understand the timeframe the build plan will cover. This could also be of use to both businesses and private residences to fit in with any renovation or moving plans they might have.

Yours sincerely



Rodger Auld
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