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I am concerned about the sustainability of Aotearoa Peoples Network.

As a Phase 1 District Librarian, I have observed the phenomenal success of Aotearoa Peoples Network. It is providing equity of access to information for people who do not have private access to the digital world. My concern is that local government via libraries will not be able or willing to fund continued broadband access and to replace hardware once government funding for Aotearoa Peoples Network has stopped.

- * It is essential that government provides free broadband access to public libraries to ensure the sustainability of Aotearoa People's Network
- * It is essential that government provides free broadband access to schools and libraries to ensure equity access to information for all New Zealanders
- * It is essential that the government provides ongoing support for Aotearoa Peoples Network libraries to replace Aotearoa Peoples Network hardware

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