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connection1: I think this is the key actions area of the strategy as without connection being addressed, the other actions are less achievable.

Focus should be clearly on high-speed, affordable connection as the backdrop to economic development We need to find out what CCC's response is to the "promoting broadband friendly councils" action, so that we have a coordinated response.

In terms of progressing economic development goals, the first consideration should be around connectivity (fast, reliable, affordable) in the locations of potential market growth.

confidence3: In terms of feedback my main comment and concern is, if I was reading this document as a local councillor, I would see the section on the People Network (page 23 bottom row of table) and wonder why as a council we are spending any money on providing internet access as the Peoples Network is going to deliver free internet in libraries? When in reality the ANZPN is focusing outside the main metropolitan areas.

comments: Looking at the wider goals of the document they are all positive, although the detail on the actions are things we have seen before. There is little if any new funding and lots of actions are marked as being done as part of the baseline budget. For example the \$4.4M over 4 years for the peoples network looks very, very light.