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I am supportive of the general thrust of the strategy which has the potential to be a great enabler for future business development and innovation.

I am however concerned that without a parallel action plan which brings equivalent access to broadband to all parts of New Zealand, including the remote rural areas, there is a distinct danger of creating a new digital divide and discouraging business development within those rural areas which do not gain acceptable broadband speeds for 21 century business operation. Example lie in the districts of the Hokianga or the northern communities of Great Barrier Island.

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