

# Feedback form: New Zealand's draft National Infrastructure Plan

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## Your feedback

Amuri.net Ltd appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft National Infrastructure Plan. As a regional broadband provider serving rural communities in North Canterbury, we recognise the importance of robust and future-focused infrastructure for the prosperity and sustainability of our region of Canterbury.

We commend the Plan's commitment to nationwide connectivity and resilience. However, we encourage a greater emphasis on the unique needs of rural areas, where digital infrastructure is both a foundational service and a vital economic enabler. Reliable broadband access is essential for modern agriculture, education, health services, and community wellbeing. We have seen many people that have benefited to the rollout of fibre and wireless services allowing people to work from home during the recent pandemic and reducing vehicle movements.

We recommend the Plan:

- Prioritises closing the urban-rural digital divide, with targeted investment in high-speed internet for underserved communities.
- Supports local providers and public-private partnerships, leveraging local expertise to deliver cost-effective and scalable solutions, however careful consideration needs to be considered that some rural infrastructure builds are uneconomic and central government grants or incentives maybe needed.
- Incorporates ongoing consultation with regional stakeholders to ensure infrastructure planning remains adaptive to changing technology and community needs as well as preventing overbuild.
- We note that communication networks need to include resilience measures particularly in the face of natural disasters and power outages, which disproportionately affect rural regions. A national approach maybe needed to formulate a standard for all operators.
- Although LEO services have their place in rural communities, we believe that communications networks need to be controlled within New Zealand for security and national data sovereignty.

Amuri.net Ltd is committed to working alongside government and industry partners to realise the vision of an inclusive, connected New Zealand. We look forward to further engagement and collaboration as the Plan develops.

Amuri.net Ltd is a regional broadband provider in North Canterbury, New Zealand. The company operates both fibre and wireless network infrastructure.