

ATTACHMENT ONE

Northland Digital Enablement Group Quick Notes

Northland Digital Enablement Group - About

- Membership by 4 councils, Northland INC chair
- Formed in 2015 to support engagement with the Crown - Created Expression Of Interest responses for Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) 2 / Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) 2 procurement processes
- Supports development and delivery of the regions Digital Enablement Plan, which sits under the Te Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan
- Leads community consultation on closing the digital divide
- Works with providers to support uptake and deployment of new broadband infrastructure

Mission, Vision, Principles

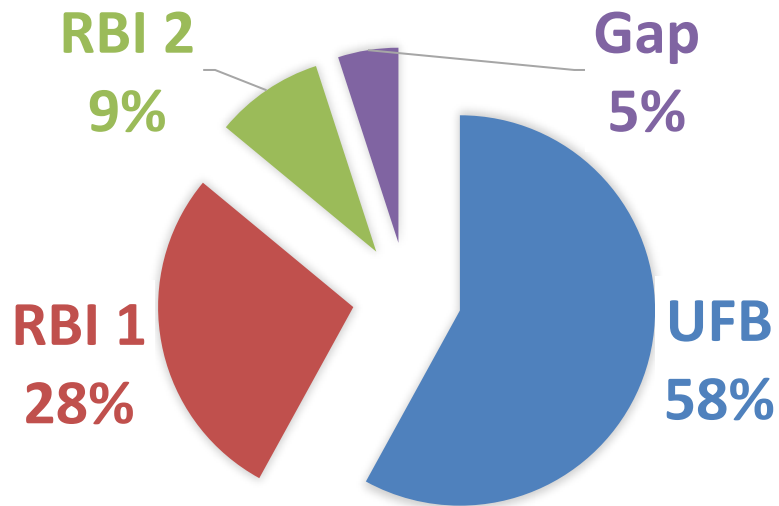
- **Mission:** 100% connectivity, 100% opportunity 2022
- **Vision:** By 2022, Northland is a national leader and globally competitive in the deployment and adoption of broadband technology and in implementing quality universal access for all residents.
- **Principles:** The Northland Digital Enablement Group is technology-neutral. Fibre, satellite, mobile and wireless technologies are all valid options and possible solutions for our last mile connectivity issues.
- 20mbps/3mbps – target minimum speed across region. Ensures the digital divide is not maintained and accounts for the potential for the speed gap to grow over time as metro deployment increases.
- Preference shall be given to communities with demonstrated low broadband access, including low-socioeconomic communities, Māori communities, and communities facing socioeconomic barriers to broadband adoption.

What's happening right now (Feb 2019)?

- UFB rollout underway
 - Northpower Fibre: Whangarei District Council / Kaipara District Council – complete 2021
 - Chorus: Far North District Council – complete 2021-22
- RBI2/Mobile Blackspot Fund (MBSF) contract provided to Rural Connectivity Group
 - Land and lease identification process underway
 - Rollout proposed for 2019 – region by region – completion date 2022.
- Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) funding provided to Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) to extend RBI2/MBSF- CIP Negotiations completed with other Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISP) for additional reach (StrataNet has won this contract for Northland – and Auckland based WISP).

- Additional PGF funding announced on 4 Feb 2019 to support initiatives to boost skills and employment, and provide better digital connectivity to marae and communities around Northland.

Northland Broadband Gap Analysis



Based on proposed Rural Connectivity Group (RCG) build. Gap remaining after RBI2 extension unknown at this point.