

Date: Thursday 14 August 2025

Time: 9.30 am

Meeting Room: Tasman Council Chamber

Venue: 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Tasman District Council

Kaunihera Katoa

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Project STRIM

strengthening telecommunications resilience in Mohua

Axel Downard-Wilke

Objective

Reliable phones in an emergency

- 1-1-1 calls
- Phone-to-phone







1-1-1 calls

A **Spark employee** will answer and put you through to either:

- → Police (60%)
- → Ambulance (29%)
- → Fire service (11%)

Of all 1-1-1 calls:

- → ½ are genuine
- → ²/₃ are not an emergency / hoax / pocket dial

How many 1-1-1 calls in Mohua?

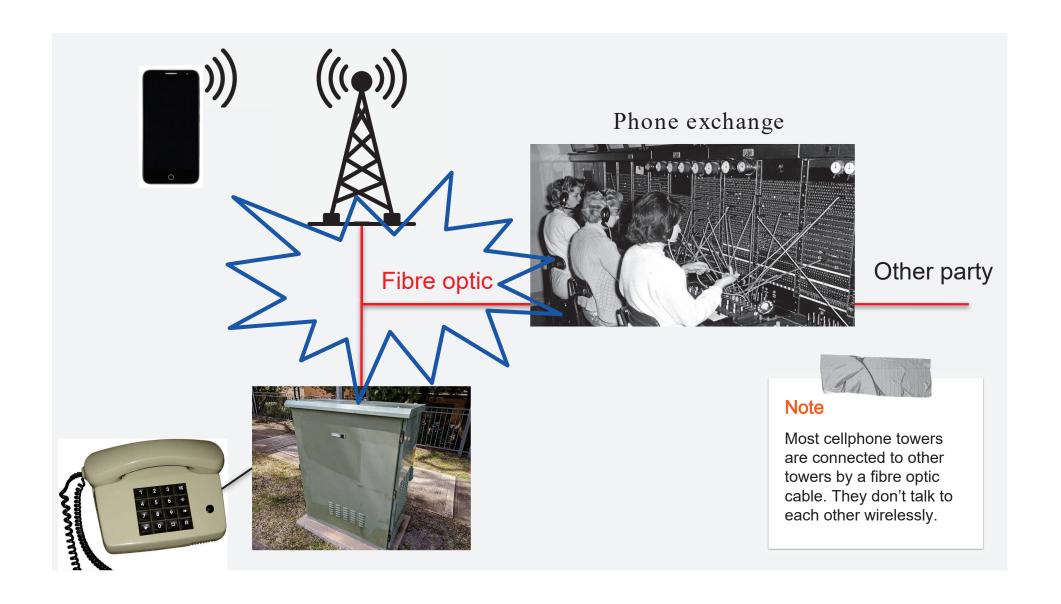
- Like a state secret
- About 4 genuine calls / day

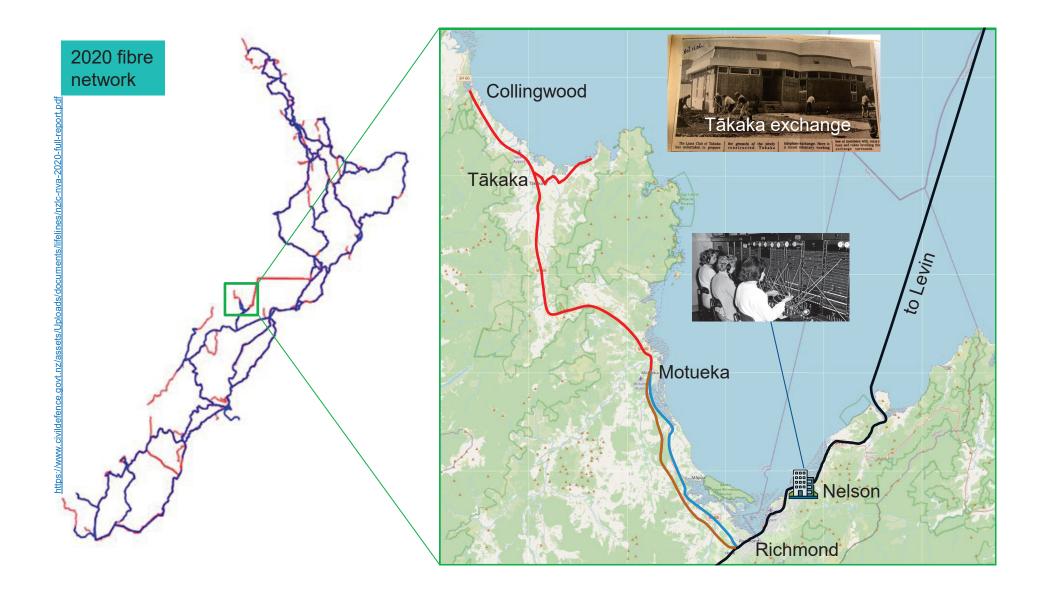


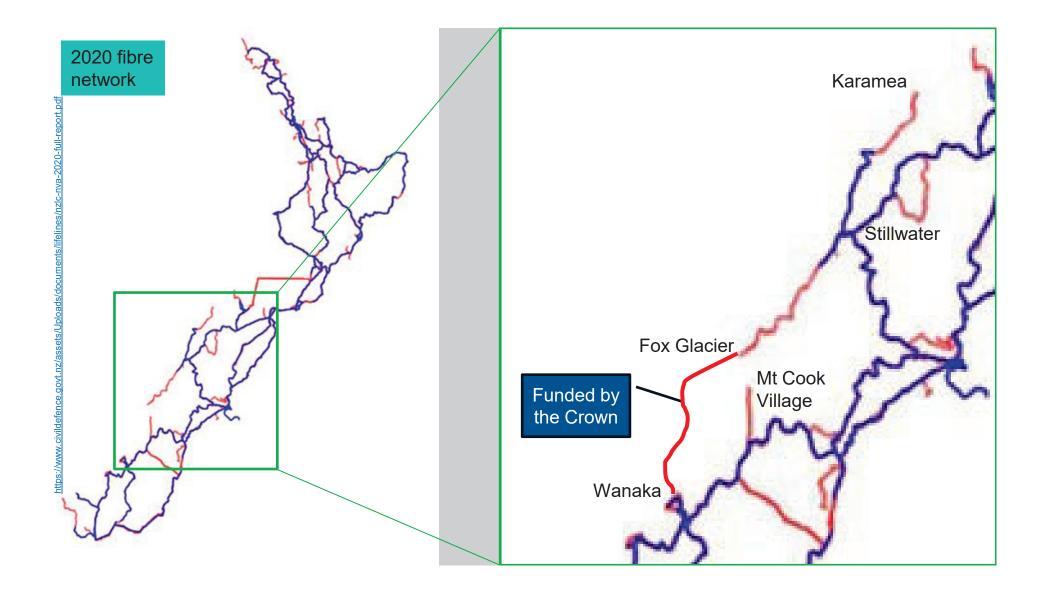
Mohua 1-1-1 calls

Just the genuine calls, i.e. only 1/3 of all calls









West Coast: Crown funding

- Objective: increased resilience
- Exactly what we need, too

Enhanced connectivity and increased resilience for the West

Today, Chorus announced that the final leg of a 250km infrastructure project to provide the West Coast with an upgraded and more resilient telecommunications network is complete.

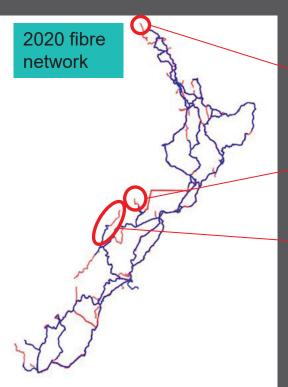
Government funding from Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) has enabled, Chorus and the Rural Connectivity Group (RCG) to provide modern connectivity to one of New Zealand's remotest

The West Coast's telecommunications infrastructure has been reliant on two fibre optic cables connecting the region via SH6 from Nelson to Greymouth, with another cable passing through Arthurs Pass from Christchurch to Greymouth.

This lack of a diverse fibre route left towns south of Greymouth vulnerable to outages during severe

With its subcontractors Ventia and Electronet, Chorus laid 250km of fibre both Haast and then through to Lake Hawea as part of the se-

Vulnerable! Comms failures



- Northland (?)
- includes Kaitaia
- Golden Bay
- + Riwaka, Kaiteriteri, Mārahau
- northern West Coast
- includes Westport



Take away

Golden Bay & Abel Tasman holiday spots, on a population basis, might be the most vulnerable community to communications failures

Will Chorus pay? Unlikely!

- Chorus owns the fibre network, but it won't deliver a return on investment
- We need resilience
 - call an ambulance when needed
- Hence, this is a political question

Funding

The Crown paid for the West Coast resilience programme

The Crown should fund Mohua resilience, too

What do we want? Support!

- Ask for scoping report
 - Chorus
- Ask for Crown funding
- Letters of support
 - Chorus CEO or NTEM or NEMA
 - Minister for Infrastructure (Chris Bishop)
 - Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery (Mark Mitchell)
 - Maureen Pugh MP for West Coast-Tasman
 - Damien O'Connor list MP residing in the West Coast-Tasman electorate



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