

# Fibre to the door is one step closer

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As you may have heard, the Government has now announced that Vector is on its shortlist for companies to build a new ultra-fast broadband network. This means New Zealand is one step closer to getting the world-class fibre broadband it needs to compete.

We can't wait to get started by providing a fibre connection direct to the door of every home, school and business in the Auckland region.

We're also pleased that three members of the New Zealand Regional Fibre Group (a group which we helped to set up last year) have been selected for priority negotiation with the Government.

The opportunities that will develop from this fibre network will be an immense boost to the Auckland economy – and of course New Zealand's economy as a whole. To keep pace with our trading partners, New Zealand's fibre build needs to happen quickly and we are pleased Crown Fibre Holdings are on track to make recommendations in October and to commence roll out before the end of the year.

Building the right network has to be a priority for New Zealand. Now more than ever we need to make business more efficient, boost productivity and make communication faster. A complete fibre network can make all this possible.

Vector is encouraged by the speed of this process and by the strong message that New Zealand ownership, home-grown technology and expertise are high on the Government's list of priority considerations.

We'll keep you posted with developments in the ultra-fast broadband project as we hear them. In the meantime it's immensely encouraging that New Zealand is taking clear steps towards fibre to the door.

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