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Jonathan Brewer

By email: [jon@brewer.nz](mailto:jon@brewer.nz)

Dear Johnathan

**Official Information Act Request re Rural Wireless Coverage Maps**

CFH has provided answers to your questions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), dated 12 December 2016 below:

1. Was coverage data held by NZRS offered to CFH for use in the RBI2 process? **CFH Response:** Yes.
2. If so, was access to the data offered to CFH by NZRS for free or at a cost? **CFH Response:** Data was offered at no cost.
3. Was the NZRS data considered when CFH built the Category 1 End User Database? **CFH Response:** Yes. However, the data was not in a form suitable for RBI2 (please refer to the conference call on 21 November 2016 and subsequent email sent to you on 1 December 2016).
4. If the data was not used, please provide specific examples of why it was not included? **CFH Response:** Please refer to conference call held on 21 November 2016 and subsequent email sent to you on 1 December 2016. The main reason the NZRS data was not used was because the data was incomplete and coverage predications were based on a bespoke radio planning model which was not verified by broadband providers (to our knowledge).
5. And if the data was judged as not fit for purpose, was NZRS given the opportunity to correct data issues? Did they do so? **CFH Response:** No. In order to address data issues, the RFP included a data verification period in which respondents could send CFH feedback on existing or planned coverage in the rural broadband regions and mobile black spot zones included in the RFP (with evidence of existing coverage including Tower locations, customer addresses etc.). Local Government Authorities were also invited to provide feedback on the same basis. This allowed CFH to test Category 1 and Category 2 end user coverage independently. The data verification exercise was completed on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and a data refresh was released on GETS on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 as part of the RFP process.
6. Please provide a timeline of events with regards to CFH / NZRS interactions around use of National Broadband Map data. **CFH Response:** Please refer to #5 above. The RFP data verification process superseded our discussions with NZRS.

I trust this information assists you.

Yours sincerely,

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General Counsel