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Committee Wellington Regional Strategy Committee  
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## Broadband Submission on Deployment Standards Initiative

### 1. Purpose

To seek the Committee's endorsement of a submission made on the Deployment Standards Initiative discussion document.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Background

On 14 June the Ministry for Economic Development (MED) issued the Deployment Standards Initiative discussion document. This discussion document set out a proposal to develop nationwide fibre deployment standards and to test those standards through a number of pilot deployments at selected locations, to facilitate the roll-out of broadband infrastructure. In addition, MED sought Expressions of Interest (EOI) from parties who wished to participate in the proposed deployment pilot investigations and/or the standards development work.

It was agreed by officers of all the councils in the region that a regional submission was the best means to provide comments on this document and that the submission should come from the Wellington Regional Council (WRS) Committee. As submissions were due by 23 July, and the next Committee meeting was 1 September, it was agreed that a submission from the Committee would have to be circulated and confirmed by e-mail, and then retrospectively endorsed at the next Committee meeting.

The submission is attached as **Attachment 1**.

### 4. Communication

There are no communications to be issued on this matter.

## 5. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Endorses the submission on the Deployment Standards Initiative.***

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**Attachment 1:** Submission to the Ministry of Economic Development on “Proposal for Comment: Deployment Standards Initiatives” under the Ultra Fast Broadband Initiative (UFBI)