

Clever Networks Discussion Paper

Kempsey Shire Council has prepared a business plan with the intent of implementing a wireless broadband network within Kempsey Shire. Based on our experience we offer the following input to your evaluations.

HIBIS funding has resulted in a significant uptake of broadband in urban areas of regional and rural Australia however a significant percent of rural populations still has no access.

Encouraging alternative infrastructure is crucial to ensuring regional and rural Australia can compete well in a local and international market.

Partnerships between local government and private enterprise should be encouraged and assisted.

Infrastructure funding should be provided where a sound business case demonstrates benefits to a substantial majority of a rural community – say 75%

Local councils engage a HIBIS accredited broadband aggregator to assist in the production of the business case.

The carrier submits a project plan inclusive of a RF analysis.

Proposals that provide a range of broadband services should receive priority – for example voice/data/video/mobility. ***This is a major difference between city and country.***

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