

# Kenepuru & Central Sounds



Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association Inc.

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Dear Nicole

## **Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association -**

### **Submission on – MDC proposal to spend \$2.6M to improve Broadband Internet in the Marlborough Sounds**

This submission is made on behalf of the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association.

**Who we are:** The Association was established in 1991 and currently has approximately 280 household members whose residents live full time or part time in the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds. The Association's objects include, among others, to coordinate dealings with central and local government and promote the interests of residents of Kenepuru Sound and adjacent areas and to promote and act in the best interests of residents, ratepayers and persons associated with the Kenepuru and Central Sounds area. AGMs of the Association are well attended.

#### **Submission**

We congratulate Council for this funding to be made available and **support** this initiative to improve coverage with high speed wireless communication (data and voice) in rural Marlborough. It is vitally important to have these services available outside the central town areas to enable people to live and work rural. They also providing means of communication in times of disasters if i.e. physical travel is limited.

We are aware of a Council lead Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) working group and are keen to see the ideas developed by that group come to fruition. Given our very remote location with access by a single road plus boat, a reliable wireless communications network for voice, data and marine traffic is extremely important.

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While this initiative will benefit various Industries and the Department of Conservation with their remote monitoring needs, it is important to target the spending to improve the connectivity of the people living (and visiting) the Marlborough Sounds.

Yours faithfully



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