

**List of Questions asked through SLI.DO at the 2018 Rural Connectivity Symposium, 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Asked during the presentation of Mel Poulton, Connect Tararua**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Is this urban lens compared to a rural lens , because the whole rollout is driven by commercial returns for the 2 big players? As opposed to centralized by govt	1	<p>This is a problem throughout the industry from the policy makers &amp; politicians to the engineers who are designing solutions looking through urban tinted glasses rather than deeply understanding rural issues, and needs.</p> <p>As such the current policy setting forces a further urban approach to a rural problem. It is the wrong framework focussing on KPIs that fail rural NZ and yes indeed focus on narrow parameters for a commercial return. Centralising it back to Wellington won't help.</p> <p>This rural mobile digital connectivity problem needs to be solved by rural people shaping the appropriate framework for rural NZ with the right support from the people in Wellington who know the processes and systems for change at Govt policy end, and can translate our rural framework to policy language. This then empowers the Ministry and Politicians/Cabinet to make the right strategic decisions appropriate to rural issues.</p> <p>The flow on, then empowering the providers of infrastructure and services to deliver the appropriate mobile telecommunications infrastructure across the landscape working to the appropriate KPIs that match and are relevant to solving those rural issues correctly outlined in the rural framework designed with a rural lens.</p>