



Media Release

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Enable provides free fibre broadband connections to all residential addresses

Enable has announced that all residential fibre broadband connections will be free until the end of 2015, as it builds its network throughout greater Christchurch.

“This is a significant opportunity for our retail service providers as it provides them certainty when they talk to their residential customers about connecting to fibre” said Enable CEO Steve Fuller.

“More importantly it makes connecting to fibre affordable to everyone, so more people can enjoy the benefits that fibre broadband offers. Up until today, our standard free connection would have covered approximately 85 percent of homes – but now it’s free to connect for all of them.”

Enable’s position as a wholesaler means the free connection offer is to retail service providers and it is up to them to pass this on to their customers.

“We hope all retail service providers offering services in the residential market will continue to pass free connections on to their customers,” added Mr Fuller.

“Free connection, and the fact that fibre broadband services cost about the same each month as copper services, addresses any concerns potential residential users have about the cost of moving to fibre.”

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About Enable

Enable is a partnership between Crown Fibre Holdings Limited and Christchurch City owned Enable Services Limited to build and operate the ultra-fast broadband (UFB) network for Christchurch and surrounding centres.

It will deliver fibre broadband services to up to 180,000 homes, schools and businesses in Christchurch, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Woodend, Lincoln, Prebbleton and Rolleston.

Enable's fibre broadband will play a vital role as Christchurch rebuilds – it will sit at the heart of our vision for a 21st century city. It will generate new industry, provide unprecedented access to global markets and services for local businesses, and enable the people of Christchurch to connect with each other in exciting new ways.

More information about Enable is available from enable.net.nz.