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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

After a dispiritingly poor explanation from the Commerce Commission personnel at the drop-in meeting at Cromwell, I would note the following:

1. One of the few points of agreement was that a local government body's ownership of a lines network is the worst and most inefficient structure – particularly for those out of the electorate catchment of the owing local government body. This is amply demonstrated where the Dunedin City Council has extracted money from Aurora for the advantage of Dunedin and is now requiring outlying areas of the network to pay for upgrades.
2. I have no confidence that the Commerce Commission is going to do any better in the future in respect of their oversight of Aurora. It failed spectacularly in allowing the situation to deteriorate to the extent that it has.
3. What I, along with the majority of people in Central Otago and the rest of the rural component of the Aurora catchment, believe should happen, is that we should be in control of our own destiny from a lines network perspective. The best mechanism for this would be for a series of charitable trusts to own and manage their portions of the network.

Please find attached a flier I distributed in Central Otago. It makes for really sad reading.

Yours,
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