

## On Farm Connectivity Program Round 3 – Public Consultation

We believe that some change is required for round 3 of the connectivity program.

Below is a list of comments and suggestions:

1. We are aware that quite a few companies, including large multinational companies, had already liaised with a large number of potential customers, and worked over the weekend to submit applications. They were "big hitters", i.e. each application consumed a \$30,000 grant amount or close to that. Smaller businesses didn't expect the program applications to close so early and as a result missed out.
2. The grant causes a "rush" on the business which can struggle to supply in the required time frame. We are aware that because of that some businesses acted inappropriately. It can create a "feast and famine" situation where the farmers are waiting for the next round to open, i.e. can create a business cash flow problem.
3. We believe that there should be restrictions on the number of grant applications that a business can submit and/or a total dollar value limit in the first few weeks after the grant opens.

Thanks.