

On Farm Connectivity Program Round 3 – Public Consultation

Overall the package looks reasonable, however the 15% allowance for delivery and install is far too low. Delivery costs could consume the 15%. Connectivity equipment can be relatively inexpensive, however to get a communications tech to a remote site is very expensive with travel and the hourly rate.

Obtaining a quote is quite hard as they would need to travel to site to quote - hence incurring travel costs for no benefit. e.g. a Wifi extender could be a few hundred dollars, we are close to a major regional centre and have techs within 30km and for us the install would be more than the extender. Imagine the cost for someone a few hundred km's from a qualified comms technician.