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Dear Sir, Madam,

I would just like to express my thanks for the fact that the unbundling initiative has been taken a step further.

Having lived in the Netherlands and worked in the Information Communication Technology industry over the past 16 years I have seen the impact the Dutch deregulation had on the telecommunications industry. There is now a wide range of carriers, applied technologies and choices for customers ranging from free-and-slow to competitively priced fast access plans.

Having bought a business in NZ 3 months ago, I am taken aback by the prices and lack of choice in telecommunications in NZ. For an economy as isolated as NZ's, I believe it is imperative that all Kiwis have access to cheap or free internet and that businesses should be stimulated in every way to take full advantage of the information age.

Kind Regards,

Roelant Hofmans