

27 May 2026

Imogen Welling, Senior Regulatory Counsel, Vector

Via email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Imogen,

Thank you for Vector's application for the Innovation and Non-traditional Solutions allowance (INTSA) on 13 April 2026.

As a follow-up to the meeting we had on Friday 22 May 2026, we have the following questions regarding the LV testbed project:

- While your application indicates that there are not expected to be impacts on Vector's SAIDI/SAIFI performance, what benefits do you expect there to be on the customers experience within the trial area?
- What level of engagement with customers and other stakeholders is being undertaken?
- How is customer satisfaction is being assessed as part of the testbed project?
- LoRaWAN technology is successfully used by other EDBs, why does Vector consider that the benefits are uncertain enough to require INTSA funding to test?
- What hypotheses are Vector looking to test with the testbed, and what steps has Vector taken to ensure that both pre- and post-trial performance is assessed?
- How are Vector going to determine the business case and value of the technology trialled for implementation/roll out post-trial?
- Could you describe any developments regarding potential future phases of the trial that have occurred following submission of the application?

We will consider Vector's responses and use them to inform our decision. As we intend to publish this letter, and Vector's reply alongside our final decision, please ensure that any confidential information in your reply is clearly identified.

Nāku iti nei, nā

Peter Hunter