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#### STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

11 April 2023

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# Q3 FY23 Connections Update



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### Uptake grew to 72% within completed UFB zone

### Total uptake of 72% within completed UFB footprint in Q3 vs 71% in Q2

- uptake in UFB1 areas grew from 75.5% to 76%
- uptake in UFB2 areas grew from 52% to 54%
- 968,000 connections (Q2 FY23: 954,000) now within completed footprint (includes business premium and partly subsidised education connections)

### 19,000 fibre installations completed in Q3 (Q2 FY23: 22k)

- 8k installations in March
- WIP increased from 12k to 13k
- customer satisfaction reduced from 7.8 to 7.6

### 85% 80% 75% 70% 65% 60% 55% Auckland Dunedin Wellington

### **UFB uptake by quarter**

- ■Mar-22 ■Jun-22 ■Sep-22 ■Dec-22 ■Mar-23
- Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin cover >70% of UFB1 homes and businesses able to connect
- 94% of Chorus' broadband connections in our UFB zone are now on fibre

### Mass market fibre connections grew 16k

- Home Fibre Starter (50Mbps) connections grew 130% to 10k >
- 300Mbps plans account for 67% of residential connections and 1Gbps connections 24% >
- 1Gbps and Hyperfibre connections were 46% of net mass market fibre adds in Q3, up from 36% in Q2 >



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### **Fibre comprises 79% of Chorus connections**

	31 March 2022	30 June 2022	30 Sept 2022	31 Dec 2022	31 March 2023	1,400,000					
Unbundled copper (no broadband)	3,000	1,000	1,000	not material	not material	1,200,000	Baseband copper				
Baseband copper (no broadband)	112,000	102,000	94,000	85,000	80,000	1,000,000	VDSL				
Copper ADSL (includes naked)	133,000	122,000	112,000	102,000	94,000	800,000	Fibre (GPON)				
VDSL (includes naked)	128,000	118,000	109,000	100,000	92,000	600,000					
Fibre broadband (GPON)	929,000	949,000	969,000	986,000	1,002,000	400,000					
Data services (copper)	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000						
Fibre premium (P2P)	10,000	10,000	11,000	11,000	10,000	200,000					
Total connections	1,317,000	1,304,000	1,297,000	1,285,000	1,279,000	0	Business premiun				
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### 1,188,000 broadband connections comprises:

- 1,002,000 fibre (GPON) connections
- 186,000 VDSL/ADSL (copper) connections

**Note**: ~6,000 partly subsidised education connections are excluded from this data

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### **Connection changes by Zone** (indicative as at 31 March)

### Quarterly change ('000s) by zone\*

-10	-5 0	5	10			
Q3 FY22 -2 -2 Q4 FY22 -2 -2			Other fibre	Broadband connections	27,000	Local Fibre Company and fixed wireless provider
Q1 FY23 Q2 FY23	- <u>1</u> - <u>3</u> - <u>2</u> - <u>3</u>		company (LFC) zone	Copper line (no broadband)	15,000	activity is driving a gradual decline in copper connections.
Q3 FY23	<mark>-1</mark> -2			TOTAL	42,000	
Q3 FY22 Q4 FY22	- <u>1</u> -2		Non-UFB zone	Broadband connections	134,000	Cyclone impact on connections yet to be
Q1 FY23	-1 -2			Copper line (no broadband)	24,000	determined. Ongoing gradual decline in copper connections due to mobile/fixed wireless/satellite
Q2 FY23 Q3 FY23	-2 -2 -2 -4			TOTAL	158,000	footprint expansion. Partly offset by fibre connections growth for greenfield developments.
Q3 FY22	-7	7	Chorus UFB zone	Broadband connections	1,027,000	Chorus copper withdrawal activity paused in
Q4 FY22 01 FY23	-8	4		Copper line (no broadband)	41,000	response to recent extreme weather events.
Q2 FY23 Q3 FY23	-6	3 6		TOTAL	1,068,000	

Broadband connections

Copper (no broadband) connections

\* Excludes ~6k partly subsidised education connections and 11k fibre premium and data services (copper) connections

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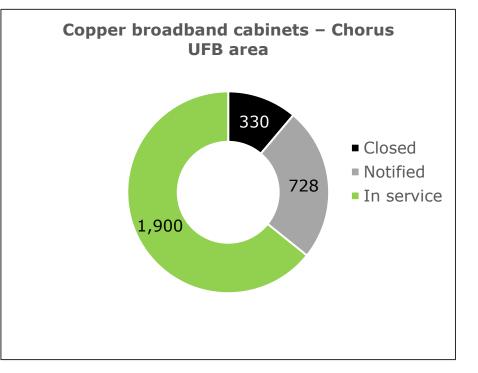
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### **Copper withdrawal programme**

### > ~22,000 initial withdrawal notifications issued

- copper service ceased for ~15,000 notified connections
- 330 copper broadband cabinets now closed; withdrawal notices issued across another 728
- broadband retention rate of 88% across closed cabinets
- > managed migration initiatives: activation of installed fibre sockets (ONTs)
  - ~7k sockets activated in Q3 (Q2 FY23: 10k)
  - 50% of activations were offnet addresses (Q2 FY23: 46%)



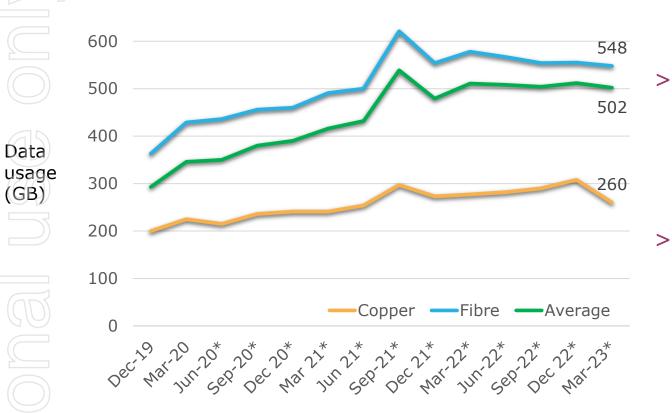
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### Monthly average data usage on fibre 548 gigabytes

Monthly average data usage per connection on our network\*



\* includes upstream traffic from June 2020 onwards

- Monthly average data usage reduced slightly with the end of school holidays and notable reductions in North Island areas affected by recent weather events
  - **548GB** on fibre (Dec:555GB)
  - **260GB** on copper (Dec:308GB)
  - **502GB** average across all connections (Dec:512GB)
- Average peak throughput on our network at peak time (~9pm) was consistent with December at 3.3Tbps

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 a single day peak of 3.76Tbps coincided with a Fortnite update on 10 March after 10pm

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