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Following my meeting with members of the Regional Telecommunications Review panel, I received the following information that the panel may wish to consider.

- a) Consumer protection in remote / indigenous communities. I am thinking about all of the issues that exist around payment for electricity (pre-payment meters etc). If this technology is provided at a household level (wireless or via fibre) there is a potential to accrue large bills with limited capacity to pay.
  
- b) Opportunities to combine underground power with the installation of fibre optic cable may provide significant community benefits. Horizon Power is undertaking a large undergrounding program in the Pilbara (Royalties for Regions funded) to help make the regions power supply less vulnerable, particularly during cyclones.

Thank you

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