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#### STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

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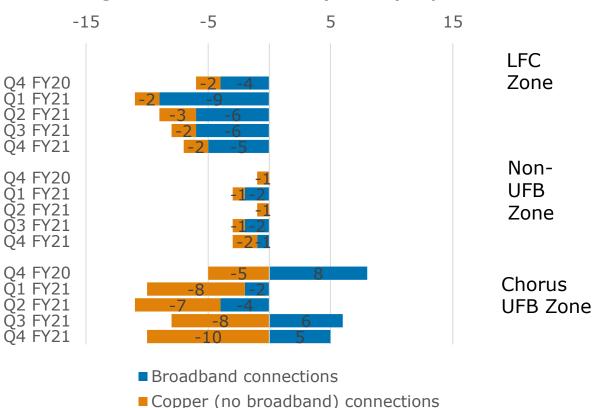
# **Connection changes by Zone (indicative)**

- **Chorus UFB zone:** continued broadband growth driven by Chorus incentives and migration campaigns. Increased rate of copper voice disconnections reflects targeted fixed wireless sales campaigns.
- **LFC zone**: disconnections continue at consistent rate reflecting Local Fibre Company and fixed wireless provider activity
- Non-UFB zone: increasing rural wireless competition as mobile providers expand wireless coverage and capacity

	Chorus UFB zone*	Non-UFB zone	Local Fibre Company UFB zone
Total connections at 30 June**	1,069,000	185,000	73,000
Broadband connections	985,000	150,000	45,000
Copper (no broadband) connections	84,000	35,000	28,000

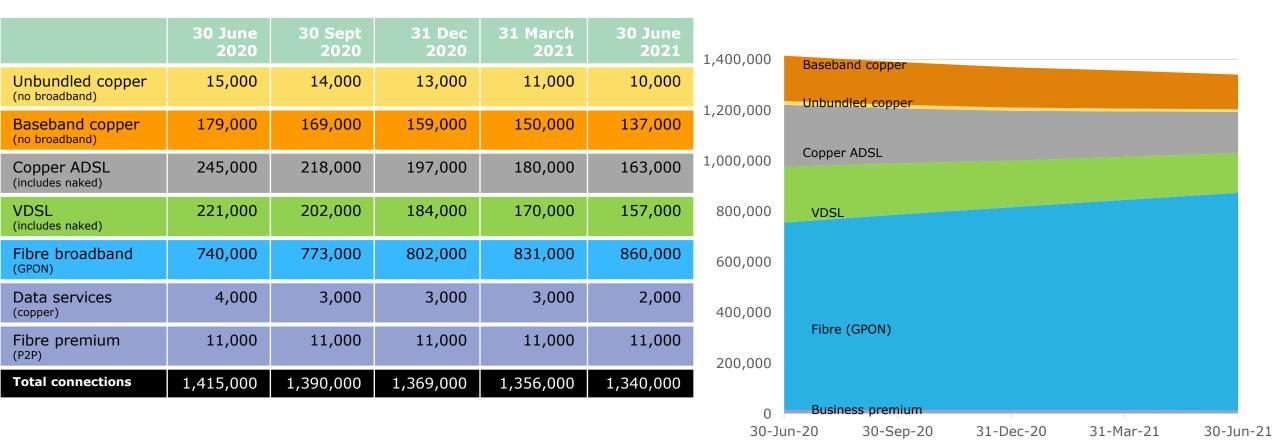
<sup>\*</sup> Includes planned Chorus UFB1, 2 and 2+ coverage

#### Change in connections ('000s) by zone\*\*



<sup>\*\*</sup>Excludes 13k fibre premium and data services (copper) connections

### Fibre comprises 65% of Chorus connections



#### > 1,180,000 broadband connections comprises:

- 860,000 fibre (GPON) connections
- 320,000 VDSL/ADSL (copper) connections

**Note**: 10,000 partly subsidised education connections are excluded from this data



### 1Gbps uptake grew by 14k connections to 19%

#### Total mass market fibre uptake by plan type\*



#### > 29,000 mass market fibre connections added

- 1Gbps connections grew from 152k (including business) to 166k and comprise 19% of GPON connections
- small business connections grew from 24k to 26k
- 50Mbps connections reduced to 9% of GPON connections

# > consumer pricing/CPI changes from 1 October 2021

- 1Gbps no change
- 200Mbps reducing to \$56.00
- 100Mbps increasing to \$47.87
- 50Mbps increasing to \$44.22

<sup>\*</sup>excludes ~6k secondary and voice connections



### **UFB** uptake reaches 65%

# VFB uptake increased from 64% to 65% within completed footprint in Q4\*

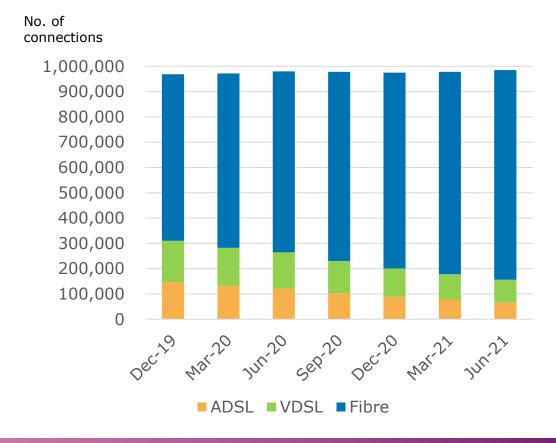
- uptake in UFB1 areas grew from 68% to 69%
- uptake in UFB2 areas grew from 40% to 42%
- **837,000** connections (Q3: 810,000) now within completed footprint, including business premium connections
- **1,282,000** customers able to connect (Q3: 1,268,000)
- 999,000 premises passed\*\* (Q3: 986,000) out of 1,054,000 target = UFB rollout 95% complete

(note: data includes some UFB2 areas that have been partially built, but not yet submitted for Crown sign-off)

#### > 41,000 fibre installations completed in Q4 (Q3: 40k)

- customer satisfaction steady at 8.2
- WIP reduced to 13k from ~15k
- field crews remained steady ~650

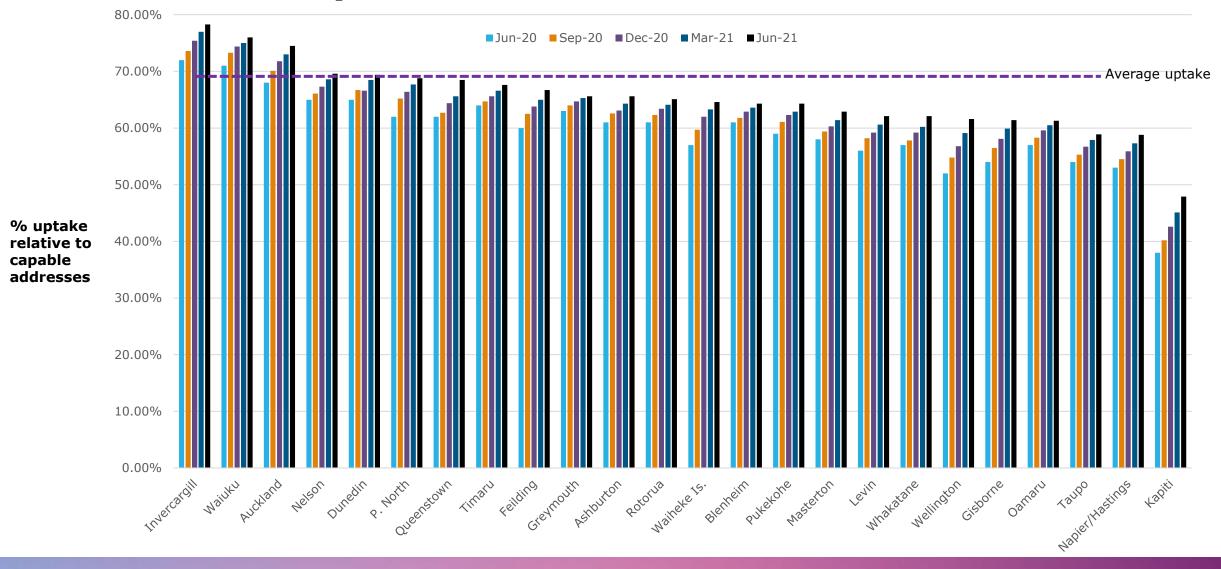
Fibre now 84% of Chorus broadband connections in planned UFB zone



<sup>\*</sup> includes ~3k partly subsidised education connections

<sup>\*\*</sup>under the UFB contract, a multi-dwelling unit or single office block is one premises

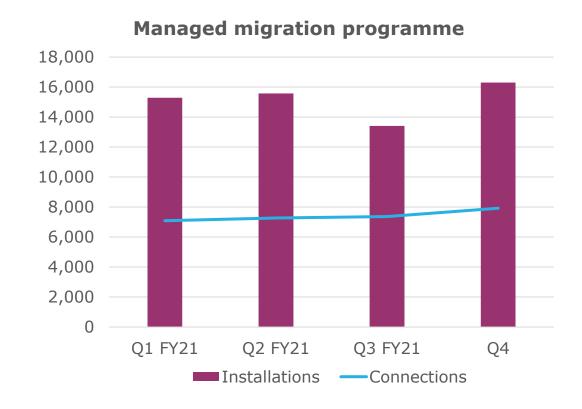
# UFB1 uptake: 69%



### Managed migration activity lifts fibre connections

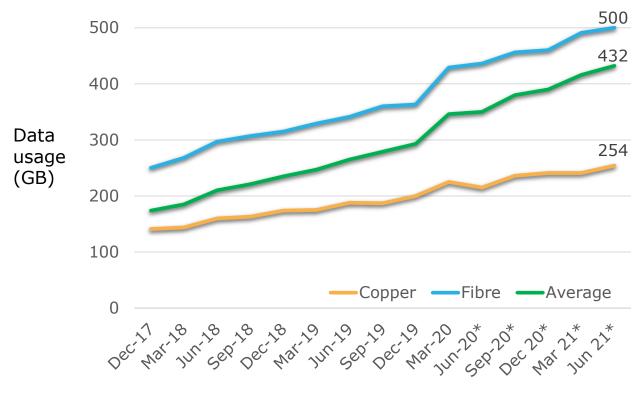
#### 16k installations completed in Q4

- strongest quarter yet for managed migration installations (i.e. ONT only without active service)
  - 8k ONT activations
  - ~4k activations were at offnet addresses.



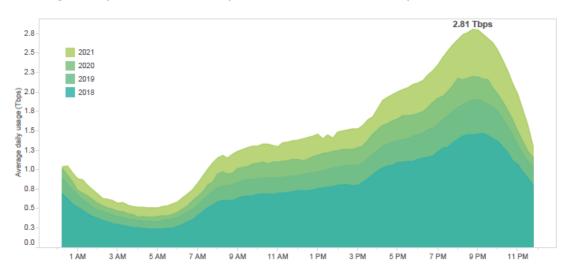
# Monthly average data usage on fibre 500 gigabytes

# Monthly average data usage per connection on our network\*



<sup>\*</sup> includes upstream traffic from June 2020 onwards

- monthly average data usage per connection on our network grew to 432GB in June, up from 416GB (March)
  - **500GB** on fibre (March:491GB)
  - **254GB** on copper (March:241GB)
- Average peak throughput on our network at peak time (~9pm) was 2.81Tbps in June, up from 2.75Tbps in March
  - highest peak of 2.97Tbps on Queen's Birthday



### **Commerce Commission broadband testing report**

• The Commerce Commission's *Measuring Broadband New Zealand*, Autumn Report (June 2021) continues to show fixed line services outperform fixed wireless significantly on key measures such as download speeds and latency

