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Subject: Lesson from Tasmania Power Cable - Pull Fiber Too!

Allen -- I had just sent this off to Richard and Mark before I got a copy of the notice about the Project Scoping Meetings.

I'd like to strongly urge that the scope of the project include the provision of interisland fiber optic cable alongside the power cable to improve broadband connectivity between the islands.

Please let me know how I can help make sure we don't miss this rare opportunity to leverage vital infrastructure projects.

best, david

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> I was chatting with an Aussie colleague at the Pacific Telecoms Conference this week at the Hilton. He mentioned that they have a 290km bidirectional undersea power cable system connecting Tasmania to the Australian mainland. They mostly use it to feed hydroelectric power from Tasmania, but when water is low they can feed power to Tasmania from the mainland.

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> They also pulled fiber optic cable for telecommunications at the same time. The marginal cost for the fiber was low when doing it as part of the power cable project. We

should be sure to do the same thing!

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