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Hello [REDACTED]

Both [REDACTED] and I are content with the following as a redacted submission to Galway Mayo Consultation.

Mayo & Galway County Council would like to make a joint submission in relation to Galway Mayo Consultation. We are of the opinion that this vital piece of infrastructure gives us an opportunity to support and future proof economic growth in the Galway and Mayo area and indeed the wider North-West Region.

The West coast of Ireland is one of the most highly serviced locations on earth with transoceanic fibre cables. These high-speed transatlantic cables with their low latency and high data capacity capabilities are a key piece of infrastructure in the creation of a region which is digitally enabled. Given the significant strategic importance of the international connection nodes within the region and the spare capacity that currently exists within the Galway Mayo Cable, it presents a great opportunity to put in place measures within the tender process that may support balanced regional benefit from this infrastructure. It would be further considered beneficial if the procurement process acknowledges the need for the winning tender to bring proposals to innovate how they promote and support the use of this infrastructure within the west coast region as part of the tender process. This promotion and support should include for regular stakeholder engagement at a county, regional and national level, this would allow for a joined-up approach to maximising the benefits of this piece of state infrastructure.

Regards

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