



Safe ICT NZ

Safe Information and Communication Technology for New Zealand

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This Newsletter covers:

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- **Urgent Action required:** The need to be fast to say no to more cell phone towers.
- AGM date
- Safe ICT NZ's Instagram
- Better than Wi-Fi: Easy-Peezy-Lemon Squeezy: Connecting your phone to ethernet

Update:

Apologies for the lack of communication of late, many members have other large commitments, or big life challenges, that have made it difficult to contribute as actively to the society as they have done in the past. The need for us to inform, and to try and protect from the harms is still there and so we are doing what we can, despite these limitations.

Anthea did a slide presentation on the 10 March called ***“Why it absolutely matters to use our tech more safely”*** in Brooklyn at the invitation of Voices For Freedom. The attendees were from the wider Wellington area and were an engaged audience, with quite a lot of knowledge about the subject, they photographed many of the slides, and also recorded the talk.

Anthea sent members the slideshow to share as well. Members borrowed her meter to check their exposures and were encouraged to use the link from

our web page to the Shield Your Body app which enables people to understand what the research says in relation to the meter's readings.

She is happy to represent this talk, which covers a myriad of health effects but also discussed ways of using tech more safely.

Urgent Action required:

The Ministry for the Environment is currently seeking public comment on requests from the telecommunication industry for legislation permitting larger antennae, taller masts, and more cell towers.

All of these increase the amount of electro-magnetic radiation (EMR).

The ministry has severely limited what may be submitted on, updating exposure limits is not allowed to be submitted on.

However we need to show that this is an issue we care about. Submissions Close 27 July

✅ It is a pretty onerous document, but a team has worked together to make a tip sheet to comprehend and help submit. Even a single paragraph comment shows the ministry there isn't consensus for more and bigger cell towers. Click here for help and sample answers: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ZzYtBs-tQ7m00aY0TX-MRnv69r8IDJu/view>

Here is the link to make your

submission online: <https://consult.environment.govt.nz/resource-management/infrastructure-development-primary-sector-nd/consultation/>

 Choose “Infrastructure – Section 2, Part 2.5”

 Click “Provide general feedback” to share your full views.

The government is proposing changes to allow taller cell towers, bigger antennas, and more transmitters — with fewer protections for people, homes, wildlife, and local input.

This supports 5G and “smart city” rollouts but increases risks to health and the environment, including impacts on birds, bees, children, and community wellbeing.

The Ministry for the Environment is asking for public feedback on these changes. Only 6 questions - but we must speak up clearly and firmly. IF nothing else let them know that you are NOT wanting more cell towers. You want access to much safer fibre throughout the country.

AGM

Remember our AGM is coming up fast. Monday 11 August 7pm.

This will be an opportunity to discuss the future of Safe ICT NZ. Can we reinvigorate the society, are their actions people are prepared to take on?

A zoom link will be forwarded close to the time.

Instagram

We need to use social media platforms effectively to get a bigger reach.

It takes quite a lot of time to boil down a research paper to a few easy to understand paragraphs, but it doesn't take much to engage with the account.

A 'like,' a follow, and a nine word comment, and a share are helpful actions to help get the warnings about biological and environmental harms out there. Note: we had to make a new Insta account this one is called **Safeictnzadmin**

Here are some of the front pages of posts. To learn more click the link: <https://www.instagram.com/safeictnzadmin/>



Better than Wi-Fi—Easy-Peezy-Lemon Squeezy—connecting your phone to ethernet:

A guest hooked up his smart phone using a connector to ethernet then quickly downloaded some movies. Being a technical type, he immediately checked the speed of the downloading,

because he couldn't quite believe how fast and seamless it was. Then promptly jumped onto the Alogic website and ordered a couple connectors for himself there and then. After working for the telcos he had become very sensitive to electro-magnetic-radiation so it was really a breakthrough for him, that he could use the mobile phone without the radiation.

Another recent guest was also blown away. "You should have told me it was this easy!" she said, making a squeal as she connected her cell phone up to internet using the ethernet cable and an Alogic connector. She then stuck her usb stick into the ports of the connector and extracted photos at the same time as using the internet.

All the time, people are taking the risks of cumulative harm in using their phones, using Wi-Fi to connect to the

thing about that is, apart from the fact that you don't have a 50/50 chance of plugging it in wrong way around because it has a flippable plug, is that it supports high speed data transfer of video, audio, high power levels for charging, and all of that simultaneously.

This is NOT a paid advertorial. But having used a few connectors over the years which eventually broke down Anthea found her Alogic connector worked really well, so she rang the NZ based company to find out more.

Speaking with a technician from the company made her understand the magic of USB C in enabling this, so any USB C enabled connector would probably work well.

Alogic's connector has lots of ports so you can connect with other USB protocols that your device uses.

"You should have told me it was this easy!"

internet to catch up on their socials, without realising they can do this easily and much more safely. (If they are within 100 meters of a router) .

They can do this without the biological impacts including DNA damage, excessive free radical production, stress protein production, increased blood coagulation, etc, that using wireless radiation has. They just have to use a connector to hook up their phone to an ethernet cable plugged into the router.

Admittedly, this wasn't so easy in the past, it has been made easier by the fact that newer devices: laptops, mobile phones and even (after a long hold out) the Apple iPhone now use a more universal standard USB C. The cool



She also found that Alogic's connectors have good shielding which protects them from all sorts of interference from Bluetooth and WiFi which helps make them last.