

Coral Sea Cable System — ending Solomon Islands' satellite-only internet era

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Quality score: 72/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

A jointly funded 4,700km submarine cable plus a 730km domestic network gave Solomon Islands its first high-capacity internet link, up to 20Tbps, reaching Honiara and three provincial centres — though fixed broadband still reaches mainly government, corporate and education users.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	0/1

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Data sources

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