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**Topic: Fixed Wireless Upgrade**

**Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:**

**Mr Adcock:** Again, without trying to dress it up in any way, I believe the 50/20 is a best efforts; it is not a guarantee.

**Senator CONROY:** It is just a question of whether by doing best efforts upwards, it means that the downwards one becomes best efforts as well.

**Mr Morrow:** Again, it is our belief that there is no field change that is necessary, but we will come back to you with the details of what it is.

**Senator CONROY:** Of what you have done to enable you to get that, and has it sacrificed other parts of the performance?

**Answer:**

There is no equipment upgrade required to either base station or Network Termination Device (NTD) for the upgrade to 50 megabits per second downlink and 20 megabits per second uplink. It was all configuration data. There is a minor IT change in the configuration to stop throttling the service on both the uplink and downlink. There is no other sacrifice or compromise in the network. Yes, downwards is a best effort as well.