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## **SUPPORT FOR START-UPS IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Greetings from Uralla,

Future regional startups need IT infrastructure that is fast and stable.

ADSL2 is ok, FTTP NBN would be better. I would like to see small towns, such as Uralla, setup for the FTTP. I think local council and even residents and businesses would be keen to offer to help cover the extra cost of this installations.

Although a federal issue, company tax could be reduced for those operating from smaller towns... Perhaps cities under 40000 residents gets a 2% reduction, under 10000, gets a further 2% reduction. If this kind of thinking was used for STATE level fees, charges, levies etc this could be an excellent incentive for people to operate regionally. Perhaps any grants available to help startups could also have a similar scaling depending on the location of them.

On the subject of grants, any funding that can help the startup world would always be welcome. I think the distribution of any money should be based on sound business principles and viabilities. More publicity of grant recipients is good for both the start-up and the relevant local members and the govt as whole. Also any assistance needs to happen quickly, the NEIS scheme that used to only be open for submissions at a certain time of year and if you missed out, bad luck till next year, just doesn't cut it for speed in the 21st century

I am all for Barnaby de-centralising public service, that helps too, of course the incumbents in the govt bubble of Canberra don't like it. With good IT it doesn't matter where you sit to do your job. Smaller clusters of offices, scattered around should be just as effective.

I am currently looking into a rural ride-share business (Uber for the bush) and its viability. Lets see if that might work, any suggestions or feedback on that one would be good too! :)

Life in rural Australia is great. I would need about triple my current salary to buy a house and live back in Sydney so 'the bush' is where its at for me

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p.s. I would be happy to discuss any of these items further