

## 2023 Report – Milford Fibre Link



*Tower at Mirror Lake, SH94, showing the solar panels for the off-grid power supply*



*Crew laying fibre on SH94*

The completion of the 118 Kilometre Southland fibre link from Te Anau to Milford in May 2023 was an outstanding achievement.

This fibre link has increased public safety and amenity on State Highway 94, with the addition of 8 mobile towers covering 38km of the highway, including key tourist spots like Milford Sound. The final fibre link between Manapouri and Blackmount is now complete, providing resilience to Te Anau, Manapouri, and Milford, and fibre services to properties along the ~30km route.

A total of \$20 million will be spent on the above-mentioned fibre links, which are on track and on budget for completion by the end of 2023. This is in addition to the \$29.5 million spent on the 247km Fox Glacier to Hāwea fibre link that provided resiliency for the West Coast and connectivity for mobile towers on State Highway 6