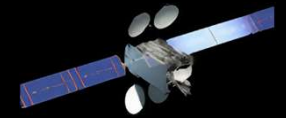
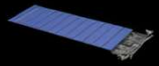


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Starlink Petition Group

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Welcome

Your Petition Committee:

Simon Verrechia: Chairman

Glynn McKay

Brian Jamieson

Mark Spruce

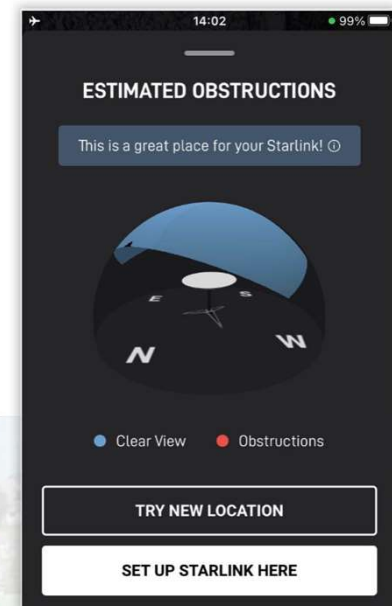
Chris Gare: Strategy Advisor



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This is Starlink.

Now in 100 regulatory regions with 2 million active terminals

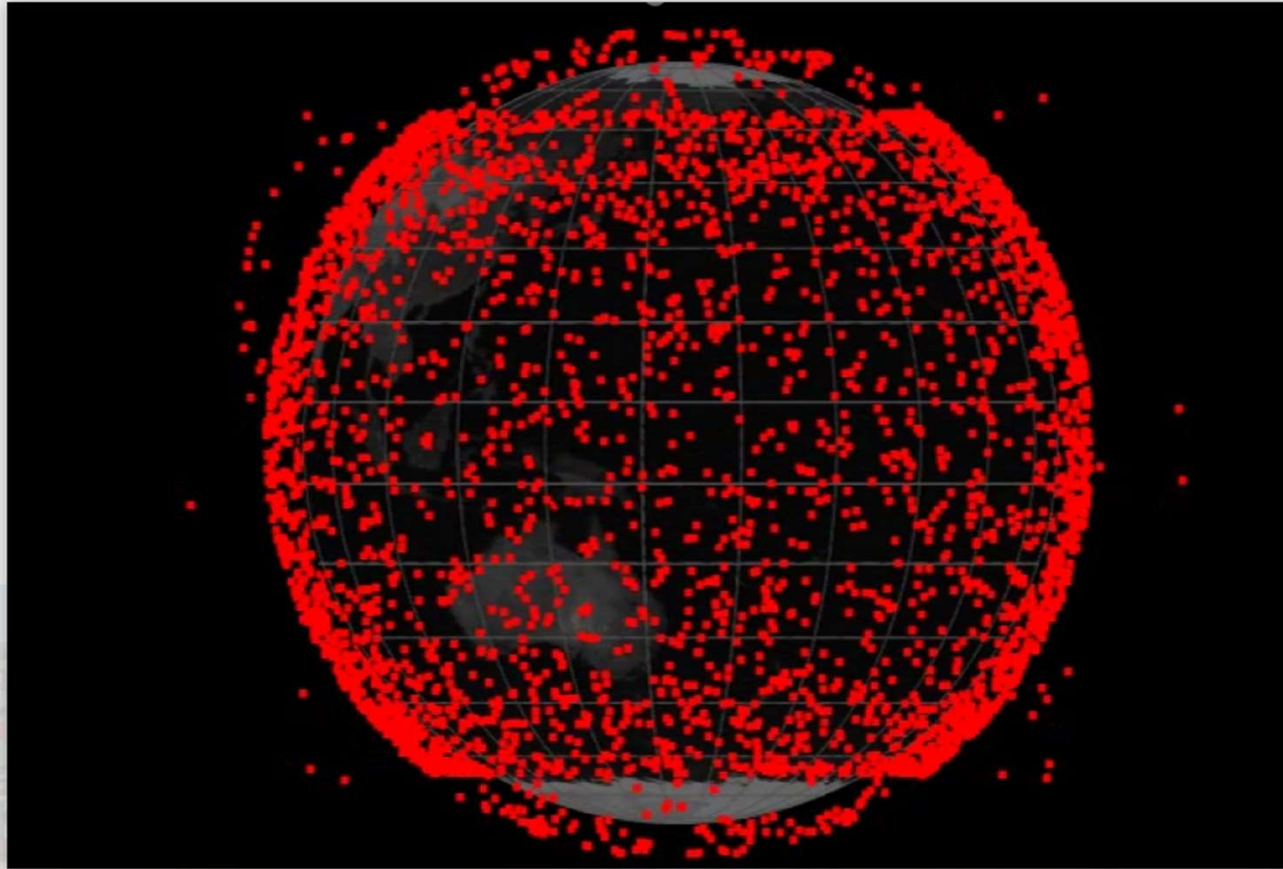


'Dishy'

App

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Starlink's satellite 5,601 satellite constellation



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The Petition

The Petition was distributed throughout the Falkland Islands in May/June 2024.

Subject: Abolish or Reduce the VSAT Licence Fee and Approve Starlink Domestic Tariffs

We, the undersigned residents of the Falkland Islands, express our deep concern and outrage at the recent announcement by the Communications Regulator regarding VSAT Licences and the threat to prosecute Starlink users. Fast, reliable, and affordable internet access is a basic necessity in today's world, and it is vital for our community's connectivity, economy, and overall well-being.

Key Concerns:

1. **Fundamental Rights and Freedoms:** Our Constitution guarantees the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person in the Falkland Islands, including freedom of expression and freedom from interference with the rights to receive and disseminate information. These rights also extend to our correspondence and other means of communication.
2. **Disproportionate Licence Fees:** The current £5,400 annual licence fee for using alternative internet providers like Starlink is based on Sure's most expensive package and is excessively high. This fee, coupled with the threat of punitive fines up to £125,000, is effectively a ban for most residents on using alternative internet providers.
3. **Necessity in a Democratic Society:** Such exorbitant fees and fines cannot be justified as reasonably necessary in a democratic society. They restrict our ability to choose more affordable and reliable internet options, impacting our daily lives and freedoms.

Our Demands:

1. **Abolish or Reduce the Licence Fee:** We call on the Communications Regulator and MLAs to abolish the VSAT licence fee for using Starlink entirely. If a complete abolition is not feasible, we urge you to reduce the fee to a reasonable and proportionate level, not exceeding £180 per year.
2. **Approve Starlink Domestic Tariffs:** We also call on the Communications Regulator to grant regulatory approval for Starlink to offer domestic tariffs in the Falkland Islands. This would prevent residents from being forced to rely on the more expensive global roaming tariffs, making fast and reliable internet access more affordable for everyone.

By addressing these concerns, you will not only uphold our constitutional rights but also ensure that the residents of the Falkland Islands have access to the internet services they need and deserve.

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Key motivations for the Petition:

- The headache of unreliable and glacial-speed broadband.
- Starlink's phenomenal success underscores the demand for high-speed internet in remote locations.
- The challenge of providing 21st-century broadband in Camp.
- Consumers, government & businesses now rely on Cloud services.
- An overly aggressive official stance was seemingly hindering progress.
- Consumer attitude to Starlink has changed dramatically.
- No one knew what was happening behind 'closed doors'.

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Petition demands

1. Abolish or reduce the 'VSAT' Licence fee.

- Most countries don't require a licence for satellite Internet access.
- A £5,400 licence fee policy to stop 'VSAT' uptake is unjustifiable in 2024.
- An obsolete law cannot restrain fast-evolving technologies.

2. Gain immediate regulatory approval for Starlink usage.

- Enable legal use of Starlink in the Falkland Islands.
- Enable access to Starlink's low-cost residential tariff.
- Starlink adoption can be fast-tracked with FIG & MLA support.

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Petition progress

- **10th May:** A Petition was proposed following the Acting Regulator's email.
- **11th May:** Starlink is a hot topic of media coverage like never before.
- **20th May:** Starlink Petition was launched.
- **28th May:** Starlink Petition FAQ document was published.
- **10th June:** Statement by Andy Keeling: "We...have offered to provide regulatory approval for Starlink operation. But we've not heard back".
- **28th June:** After unprecedented publicity, the Petition closes.
- **25th July:** The petition format ensures it can be formally presented to the Legislative Assembly.

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Benefits for non-Starlink users

While Starlink usage may initially seem detrimental, it will generate substantial benefits for remaining customers without additional investment.

Reduced Network Congestion: With fewer users sharing the infrastructure, there will be more bandwidth per user, potentially leading to faster internet speeds and improved performance.

Enhanced reliability and Stability: Reduced strain on the network will lead to fewer technical issues, fluctuations, and outages, improving overall reliability, i.e. better QoS.

Competitive Pricing: Sure could offer more competitive pricing or additional benefits, such as enhanced packages or discounts, to retain existing customers.

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Comparing OneWeb and Starlink

OneWeb's Role

- It's an additional Sure service capability for the islands.
- OneWeb focuses on businesses and governments.
- Due to lower 'spot beam' capacity, it cannot fully replace Intelsat.
- Likely to be delivered only in the form of business packages.

Starlink's Advantages

- Direct sales focus on residential customers and small businesses.
- Easy to install, even in remote locations in Camp.
- Demonstrated download speeds of around 300Mbit/s.
- Lower latency to London: [SL <80mS] [OW <300mS] [Geo 550mS].
- One Starlink terminal can exceed OneWeb's total beam capacity.



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The next generation's view

Entertainment

- During winter, there's not much to do in town.
- Many of us rely on phones, computer games, and streaming media.
- Unstable internet means online games and streaming are often frustrating.

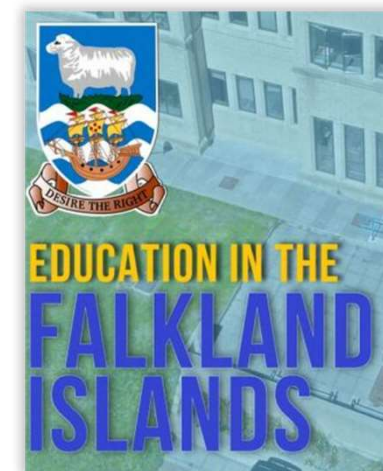
Education

- We use online resources like Sparx Maths, Bedrock Learning, and Seneca.
- We need better internet for research and learning..
- The current internet limitations make it hard to keep up with our studies.

Social interaction

- Many of us have family and friends abroad and need to stay connected.
- Long conversations use up our broadband quickly.
- Reliable and affordable internet is important for keeping these social connections.

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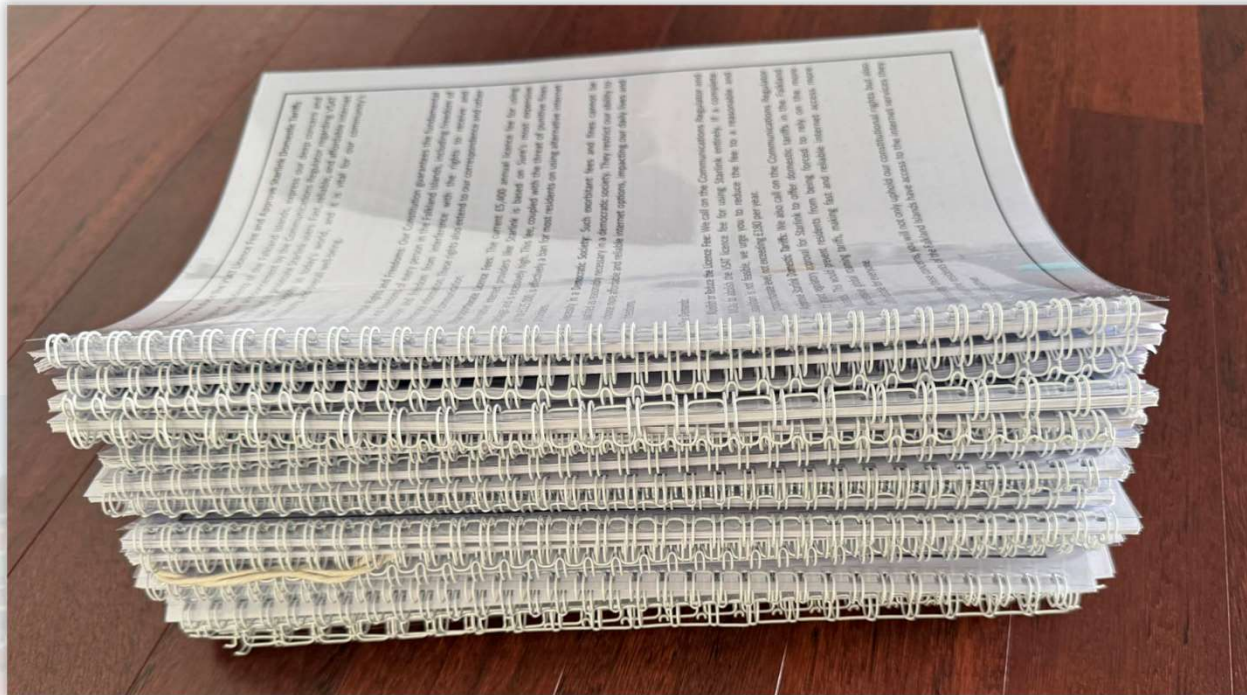
The effects of unreliable & slow Internet

- Long load times are very frustrating and increase our stress levels.
- We risk missing deadlines or not finishing assignments because of poor internet connections.
- Slow internet disrupts live online classes, making it hard to follow lessons and participate.
- Many educational tools require a good internet connection, so we can't use them effectively.
- Friends with faster internet have an advantage over those with slower connections.
- It's challenging to connect with friends for group projects or even to chat, making us feel isolated.

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The time has come!

We would like to present the result of the petition!



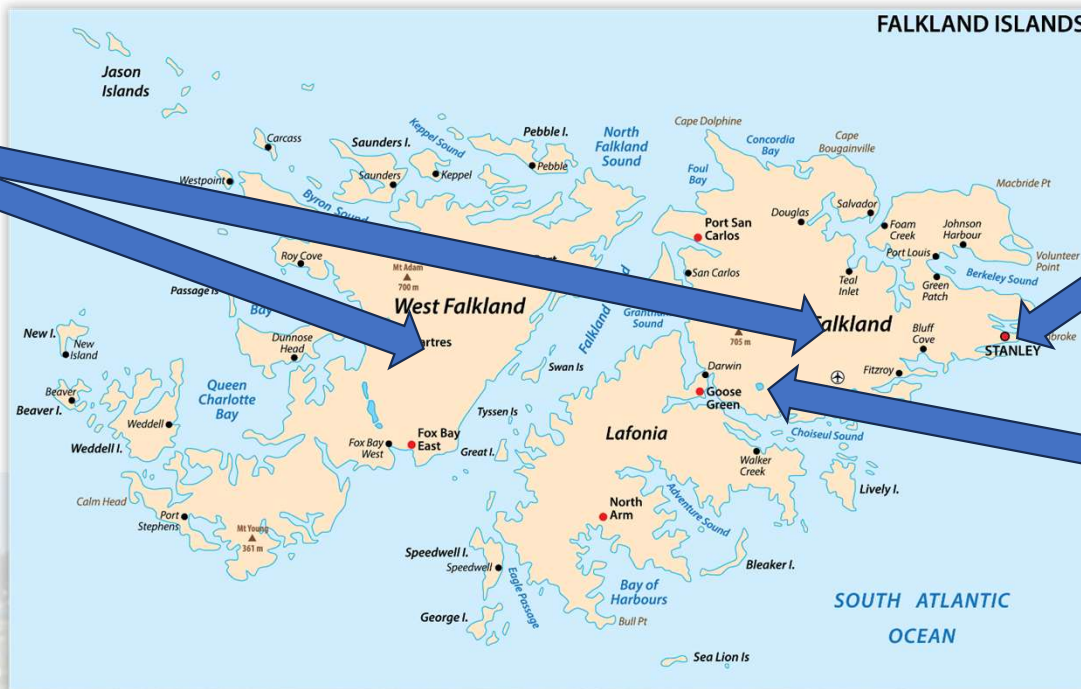
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Petitioners by region.

Camp
185

Stanley
1,482

MPC
717



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Total signatories count

Region	Totals
East & West Camp	185
MPC	717
Stanley	1,482
Dual locations & undeclared	32
Islands Total	2,416

All signatories were put in a spreadsheet to check for duplications.

Number of spoilt signatures: **319**

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2021 Census data

Location	Population	%
Stanley (Usual Residents, older than 10)	2,218	67%
Camp (Usual Residents, older than 10)	254	72%
MPC (Usual Residents, older than 10)	324 *	220%

* We understand there are nearly 1,000 people at MPC including transients.

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The crucial question: Would you stop using Sure's broadband?

Data is based on over 600 FB votes

Use Starlink & use a cheaper Sure broadband package.

79%

Use Starlink and cancel Sure's broadband package.

19%

Stay exclusively with Sure's broadband package.

2%

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Formal handover of the Petition to our MLA sponsor, Roger Spink



Please note: All the MLAs offered to be the Petition's sponsor.

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Conclusions

- The overwhelming support for the Petition has been remarkable.
- The strong response highlights the urgent need for the Legislative Assembly to address the petition's two key demands
- Is Starlink just too urgent for a protracted Select Committee debate?
- Laws are there to be obeyed, but they can be changed!
- The petition organisers and signatories eagerly await the Legislative Assembly's response.

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Discussion session guidelines

- **Please ask your questions or state your views.**
 - Everyone is welcome to express their opinions or ask questions.
- **Guidelines for Participation**
 - Raise your hand and wait to be recognised by the Chairman.
 - Please do not interrupt others talking.
 - Please be polite and to the point.
 - Let's look forward, rather than backward.

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Thank you for joining us

We hope that you have enjoyed the evening
and found it helpful.

Please share what you've heard with others.

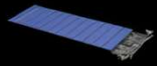
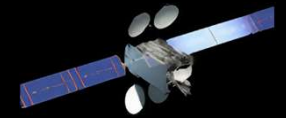
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