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# ICET FINAL REPORT

**Lasqueti Internet Access Society**

## **LIAS Phase 2 Infrastructure Improvements**

Thanks to the support of **ICET** our society was able to complete major upgrades to our infrastructure. We began mid-December 2014 and got into full swing through the winter, finally ending in mid-December 2015.

The purpose of this project was to build an office from which we could run our business and to upgrade our internet connection and our access points for the distribution of our internet signal throughout the island. This entailed the construction of an office and service building in partnership with **The Lasqueti Last Resort Society**, the construction of two wifi towers at key locations on the island, the upgrading of batteries, radio equipment and solar panels at a number of our sites and the purchase and installation of an E30 connection from **TELUS**. Our objective was to have a functional office running by 2016 and to improve our service to better meet the needs of members for faster and more robust connections to the Internet.

The completion of this project has resulted in faster service for our members which has meant that many members who might have left our volunteer run society to get connection through one of our corporate competitors, like satellite internet, were able to remain with us. This is key to the sustainability of our service and society and facilitates future growth. More and more people moving or thinking to move to our island ask us about service connection before buying land or starting a business here. Our ability now, to meet their needs at our new central office and by the increased range of our new mid island tower allows us to assure future land owners, families, and businesses that we can meet their needs in a digital age.

Gratefully Yours

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