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Advanced Network partners to extend reach

The Kiwi Advanced Research and Education Network (KAREN) has released an Accredited Network Aggregator service standard to drive penetration of KAREN into new sectors.



Having an Accredited Aggregator service will allow a wider group of customers to access KAREN by reducing the last mile connection barriers. Allowing multiple smaller organisations to gain access to KAREN through an Accredited Network Aggregator connection will also reduce both administration and connection costs while maintaining a high quality experience.

"The challenges of managing the complex router configurations required for a core KAREN connection can be overwhelming for some of our Members. Accredited Network Aggregator services will allow more people the chance to experience KAREN as an essential enabler of their research, education and innovation activities", Donald Clark, Chief Executive, REANNZ.

The first Accredited Network Aggregator is FX Networks.

"We're excited about being able to complement our high performance Internet service with access to KAREN and the 20,000 Research and Education networks worldwide. We think the total package makes advanced networking simpler for our customers. It's important to us also to work in such a collaborative fashion with the folks at KAREN, and we look forward to building on this important first step to further advance real next generation network services in this country together" says Jamie Baddeley, General Manager, Internet Services, FX Networks.

Accredited Aggregators are able to supplement direct connectivity options available to KAREN members.

"FX has already proven itself in providing connectivity services for our larger Members. We are excited to see them investing in becoming an Accredited Network Aggregator and sharing our vision of bringing a quality KAREN experience to as many people as possible", says Donald Clark.

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The KAREN Accredited Network Aggregator Policy is available on our website:
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About KAREN

KAREN (Kiwi Advanced Research and Education Network) is a high capacity, ultra high-speed network for New Zealand's research, education and innovation sectors. KAREN provides connectivity between New Zealand's tertiary institutions, research organisations, libraries, schools and museums, and the rest of the world.

About FX Networks

FX Networks supplies high performance Internet and ethernet services to businesses and the ISP industry. FX Networks owns and operates an 30Gbps fibre optic backbone network throughout the North Island, with points of presence at major cities in the South Island (via partners). FX Networks Ltd is based in Wellington.

