



# media statement

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## KAREN's global connectivity expanded

**KAREN's international network capacity between Australia and New Zealand has been doubled in capacity in response to Member demand.**

REANNZ has signed an agreement with Verizon Business to double KAREN's current international network capacity between Australia and New Zealand from 155Mb/s to 310Mb/s.

This upgrade was driven by strong growth in the use of KAREN's international network by KAREN Members, and will be provided at no extra cost to Members.

"Our Members have aggressively embraced the opportunities KAREN provides for communicating and collaborating with their international colleagues. Their participation in international research and education over KAREN has increased so much that we are growing the capacity of KAREN to meet their needs. This expansion in capacity will ensure our Members can continue to participate in and lead big global science activities and further embed themselves in international research programmes.

"The fact that we are having to make this upgrade in international capacity ahead of schedule is a strong sign that the KAREN community is leading the charge in developing the weightless economy New Zealand needs to survive", said Donald Clark.

The upgrade in capacity is being provided by REANNZ's existing network partner, Verizon Business, and will be in place shortly. Savings made on recent network contracts have enabled this additional capacity to be provided within existing budgets.

REANNZ is currently developing its plans to procure longer-term, larger links to the global research and education community.

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