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A bright future for publicly funded eResearch infrastructure

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The opportunity ahead

REANNZ-NeSI integration to create a hub for eResearch infrastructure

An exciting opportunity to consolidate and strengthen eResearch infrastructure in Aotearoa and better support the research, education and innovation sectors to deliver quality outcomes.

Our best chance at success, is by working together.

The DDRI report made the case for change

Opportunities for the sector to:

- Create critical mass by consolidating eResearch infrastructure to support the research, education and innovation sectors
- Increase ability to attract and retain talent in a competitive international workforce
- Respond to rapidly changing technology
- Raise capability, expand global collaboration and increase impact

Infrastructure and Related Services to Support New Zealand's eResearch Future, August 2022

The Minister's request: *use REANNZ to position digital research capability to support future growth*

Integrate NeSI into REANNZ from 1 July 2025 to **maximise the impact of current investment** and **achieve greater national reach**

- further support institutions to grow the sophistication and uptake of digital research
- enable equitable access to eResearch infrastructure and specialist capabilities
- strengthen the quality of the sector's skills pipeline, training and capability development
- achieve greater gains through efficiencies of scale and enhanced coordination, collaboration and partnership

Building on an amazing base

NeSI:

- Established in 2010
- Strong network of collaborators, partners and users across the sector
- Multi-disciplinary team, embedded within partner organisations, delivering a researcher-centric model of services

REANNZ

- Launched in 2007, the REANNZ network is the backbone of the research and education sector
- Crown-owned, member-based
- Connect the sector to science and education infrastructure, research, researchers and educators internationally

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An amazing opportunity

A hub supporting researchers to make the most of digital infrastructure

- combining the unique capabilities of REANNZ and NeSI to enhance the quality and maturity of eResearch
- drive significant efficiencies of scale and deliver equitable access
- offer a broader range of services over time
- provide critical mass and, over time, a stronger value proposition for investors

Support a growing economy and more prosperous society, thanks to a growing, active and collaborative eResearch sector.

How we will get there

People from across the NeSI collaborators and REANNZ co-designing the transition

- Transition Advisory Board
- Workstreams looking at key functions

Priorities are to:

1. Maintain continuity of existing services
2. Minimise disruption especially for our people
3. Move quickly to realise the opportunities

Business as usual as we progress toward 1 July 2025

The TAB are a key part of making this happen

Transition Advisory Board
Mike Harte (REANNZ Board Member and Chair)



David Evers (UoO)



Jess Robertson (NIWA)



Stephen Whiteside (UoA)



Amanda Barnard
(NeSi Board Member)



Greg Rossiter
(AgResearch)



Cris Print (UoA)



Stephen MacDonell
(VUW)



Chris McDermott (MW)

TAB meeting attendees

MBIE Observers

REANNZ Chair – Helen Robinson

REANNZ CEO – Amber McEwen

NeSI Chair – Rick Christie

NeSI Director – Nick Jones

The approach agreed by the TAB

Achieve the initial integration of NeSI services into REANNZ with as little disruption as possible, both for our people and everyone who uses our services.

- Taking a broadly 'lift and shift' approach
- On Day 1 we expect that NeSI people will largely be in the same roles, in the same locations, and delivering services in the same way
- From 1 July 2025, we'll be focused on developing our strategy with the integrated team and the broader sector

Play a part

- Our best chance at success, is by working together.
- We need your help so we can better understand and meet your needs and ensure we are set up to support you.
- From May we will be engaging with you to help us define the future for eResearch
- Keen an eye on our website for updates
- Email: integration@reannz.co.nz