



17 April 2020

Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Minister of Research, Science and  
Innovation Parliament  
Wellington.

Dear Minister

### **ANNUAL LETTER OF EXPECTATIONS FOR 2020/2021**

Thank you for your letter outlining your strategic and performance expectations of REANNZ over the coming year.

We acknowledge the Government's commitment to an inclusive, sustainable and productive New Zealand, with research, science and innovation (RSI) as a crucial driver.

REANNZ is proud to play a key part of New Zealand's eResearch infrastructure, and will endeavor to contribute to the RSI Strategy, Kei Mu ate Ao, and continue to enable and support the work of New Zealand's science, research, innovation and education community.

In line with your expectations, our long term strategic and annual business plans will focus on:

- **Collaborating for success**

To support and enable New Zealand's connection with global research, science and innovation systems, collaboration will be continued with a focus on member and user outcome experiences and increased key partnership arrangements that leverage off the network. Supporting our members through the impact of the coronavirus will be a priority over the next year.

This will include working with MBIE and the sector in considering the future of eResearch support for New Zealand.

- **Provisioning for a high quality National Research and Education Network (NREN)**

The strategic intention is to maintain our international recognition as a high-quality NREN, providing critical infrastructure that supports today's data-intensive, globally collaborative research agenda. REANNZ will also provide additional services, applications and reporting that support and enable use of the advanced network and global collaborations.

- **Exercising responsible stewardship**

We will also continue to develop and implement business performance strategies to ensure New Zealand has a high performing, affordable and sustainable REANNZ business.

We note your expectations about good governance. The Board is working well, with have a good diverse range of skills. We will continue to work with yourself and MBIE, providing regular and timely updates on our progress and early advice on any issues.

We appreciate your recognition of the challenging work undertaken by REANNZ over the last year and thank you for your support. We look forward to a successful year which will set REANNZ on a strong and sustainable footing to serve New Zealand science, research, education and innovation into the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Smith', written in dark ink.

**Janine Smith MNZM**  
Chair