

TUANZ welcomes new trans-Tasman cable

TUANZ Chief Executive Ernie Newman has welcomed the joint announcement today by Kordia and PIPE International that they intend to build a new trans-Tasman fibre-optic cable.

“This is great news not only for competition in New Zealand, but also from a risk management perspective,” says Mr Newman. “It will provide much needed diversity of routes in the event of catastrophic failure of existing cable networks and will provide real choice for service providers.

“This in turn will be good news for users, who will benefit from greater capacity and more competitive pricing.

“International charges are often used by service providers as a reason for high data caps. A competing international cable that connects New Zealand - first to Australia and from there to cables around the world – should ease the restrictions placed on Kiwi’s internet use.”

TUANZ looks forward to learning more information about the proposed fibre-optic cable, including definite timelines on when the cable will be built.

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