AARNet

The Australian Academic and Research Network

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Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee
(INCORPORATED IN THE A.C.T.)

AARNet Acceptable Use Policy

1. *[AARNet]*
    The Australian Academic and Research Network (AARNet) is a private telecommunications network owned and operated by the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee Inc (AVCC) as a common service provided to the member institutions of the AVCC, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and other organisations who have entered into an AARNet Affiliate Membership Agreement with the AVCC.

2. *[Statement of Acceptable Use]*
    The function of AARNet is to carry material which supports the academic and research enterprise of Australian universities and CSIRO. Use of AARNet which is consistent with the this function is considered to be acceptable use of AARNet.

3. *[Inclusion of Support Services as Acceptable Use]*
    The use of AARNet in connection with the administrative activities of the member organisations of AARNet, use for institutional support services, and use in support of the various infrastructural service support activities associated with the academic and research enterprise, are considered to be acceptable use of AARNet..

4. *[Statement of Commercial Use as Unacceptable]*
    Use of AARNet for commercial or any other purpose unrelated to the academic and research enterprise of the members of AARNet, is not considered acceptable.

5. *[Affiliate Membership]*
    The use of AARNet by Australian organisations other than AVCC member institutions and CSIRO divisions requires the execution of an AARNet Affiliate Membership Agreement between the organisation and the AVCC. The AVCC reserves the right to reject or approve each application for Affiliate Membership, which it will consider on a case by case basis.

6. *[Peer Traffic as Acceptable]*
    Traffic originating from peer academic and research networks which conforms to the originating networks' acceptable use policies is in general considered acceptable traffic to be carried over AARNet.

7. *[Illegal Use as Unacceptable]*
    AARNet facilities cannot be used by any individual or group of persons for any activities of an illegal or fraudulent nature, including any activities prohibited under the Australian Commonwealth Government Telecommunications Act 1989, or under other applicable Australian State and Commonwealth laws.

Additional Notes of relevance to Acceptable Use Policy

A.1   The AVCC, in conjunction with CSIRO, and through the AARNet Advisory Board, will be the sole arbiter of which categories of material are considered acceptable or unacceptable for transmission over AARNet;

A.2   Notwithstanding Note A.1, permission may be granted for a member to use AARNet to transmit or receive specific materials not normally considered acceptable if the materials are required by the member for legitimate teaching and/or research purposes and if the request to transmit such materials is supported by the Chief Executive Officer of the institution requesting such materials; and

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