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Policy on Allowed Access to CSUNet

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Short description	Regulations for which Charles Sturt University permits the use of its network infrastructure (CSUNet) for the delivery of communication services.
Relevant to	All users of CSUNet
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Key words	

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This policy provides the regulations for which Charles Sturt University (hereinafter called CSU) permits the use of its network infrastructure (hereinafter called CSUNet) for the delivery of communication services.
- 1.2 For the most part, the policy is based on the revised policy of AARNet Pty Ltd (herein after called APL) "Policy on Allowed Access to AARNet" of 1 April 1999 and in doing so takes into account the Telecommunications Act 1997 and the exemptions from the Carrier and Carriage Service obligations as granted by the Minister for Communications, the Information Economy and the Arts.
- 1.3 Notwithstanding any information herein, CSU must abide by the obligations of the Copyright Act and Trade Practices Act, particularly where these Acts apply to electronic publishing and provision of information.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1 Other than as provided in points 2 and 3 below, CSU identifies the following as authorised users and thus permits access to CSUNet and to AARNet for or in connection with research, educational or administrative functions of CSU.
- 2.2 Access may be provided to:
 - (a) staff;
 - (b) students;
 - (c) associated individuals (eg visiting fellows, honorary research associates);
 - (d) campus based student and staff associations;
 - (e) entities that are wholly owned by CSU;
 - (f) Tertiary Admissions Centres associated with CSU;
 - (g) participants in Cooperative Research Centres and other collaborative ventures where:
 - the principal objective of such a collaborative venture is the advancement of university teaching, administration and/or research; and
 - each participant in a collaborative venture complies with the access policy;
 - (h) publicly funded not-for-profit research agencies that are jointly undertaking teaching, administration and/or research programs with CSU;

- (i) conferences, congresses and workshops where there exists an educational, research or professional society association with CSU.

2.3 Access may also be granted for:

- (a) affiliated bodies (e.g. residential colleges);
- (b) those sections or departments of CSU situated within another organisation (e.g. the teaching and research departments of CSU within a hospital; however this access must not extend to providing access to the hospital itself) provided that either CSU owns the network units used to convey any information or these network units are leased from a carrier;

2.4 Access to CSUNet by non-CSU authorised users

CSU permits non-CSU authorised users to access its network infrastructure provided that non-CSU authorised users:

- (a) do not use CSUNet for purposes other than for the purposes they are permitted access;
- (b) do not provide access to CSUNet to anyone else;
- (c) do not undertake commercial activities (other than commercial activities that are related to the teaching, research or administrative functions of CSU); and
- (d) comply with this and other CSU policies.

3. Restrictions on provision of access to AARNet by CSU

3.1 CSU must not provide AARNet access to any individual, group or organisation where that access is for purposes that:

- (a) are not related to the teaching, research or administrative activities of CSU; or
- (b) comprise commercial activities (other than those commercial activities that form part of the teaching or research activities of CSU).

3.2 Specifically, while incidental or casual access to AARNet is acceptable where it relates to dealings with CSU, access must not be provided in an ongoing manner to:

- (a) vendors and commercial clients of AARNet Members;
- (b) organisations based in Technology Parks, unless covered in 2 above;
- (c) government departments and agencies, unless covered in 2 above;

- (d) TAFE and VET institutions, unless these are an integral part of CSU;
- (e) schools and community organisations; and
- (f) members of Alumni associations (except that CSU may provide information services (e.g. Web page hosting) to members of Alumni associations and to other external bodies. However, access to these information services by such associations and bodies, and by other parties, must be provided through carriage service providers.

3.3 Non-compliant intra-campus traffic

3.3.1 Transit of traffic within CSU's network infrastructure that does not otherwise comply with this policy is allowed under the exemption from carrier and carriage service obligations. Such traffic destined for the wider Internet must be channelled to a carriage service provider through a connection within the campus boundary. This concession under the exemption is intended to facilitate the provision of services on campus while ensuring that traffic that does not otherwise conform to this policy is redirected before leaving the campus.

4. Remote Access

Staff and students of CSU may access the International, National and AARNet Backbone Services remotely only by any one or more of the following:

- (a) by remote access facilities owned or operated by or on behalf of CSU or a Regional Network Organisation (RNO);
- (b) in accordance with an agreement between CSU or an RNO, and a third party under which:
 - the third party provides staff and/or students with dial-in access to CSU's or an RNO's facilities;
 - the staff and/or students may not access the International, National or AARNet Backbone Services directly, but only via servers located at CSU's or an RNO's facilities, and only after appropriate authentication has occurred; and
 - traffic from CSU or an RNO to the third party terminates within the boundaries of that third party, and traffic from the third party to CSU or an RNO originates within the boundaries of that third party.

5. Exclusive use of APL's supplier's telecommunications services

5.1 The telecommunications services ('**Services**') provided to APL by APL's Internet access and backbone network supplier ('**Supplier**') must be used by AARNet members for access to AARNet permitted under this policy. The Services encompass access to the international

and national Internet and interconnection of Regional Network Organisation hub sites.

- 5.2 For access allowed under this policy, services equivalent in functionality to the Supplier's Services must not be acquired from another provider unless the Supplier is unwilling or unable to provide that service on the basis agreed with APL.
- 5.3 The Supplier also offers newsfeed and DNS forwarding services and may offer a multicast service. Services such as newsfeeds and multicast sourced from another provider must not transit the gateway between AARNet and the domestic Internet.

6. Register of non-members

- 6.1 CSU must maintain a list of non-members to whom it provides CSUNet access. This information must be made available for review by APL on request.

7. Obligations under the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth)

All CSUNet access that CSU provides to authorised users must comply with the carrier and carriage service obligations of the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth) (Act).

Access that contravenes any provision of the exemptions from carrier and carriage service obligations of the Act granted to Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee (AVCC) member institutions must not:

- (a) transit the AARNet backbone network (including the inter-Regional Network Organisation links and the links to national and international Internet gateways); or
- (b) transit the infrastructure of CSUNet (unless CSU also complies with the carrier, carriage service, and other requirements of the Act).

8. Clarifications

Because the legislation is largely untested, the interpretation of the determinations is complex, and the application of the principles contained in this policy is not without difficulty, APL will, from time to time, issue clarification statements to assist CSU to give effect to this policy document.

Table of amendments

Version number	Date	Short description of amendment
1.1	August 2009	Policy transferred to new format. Update technical terms and delete information that is no longer relevant.