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Hawaiki Nui and OPT to assess connecting French Polynesia with new transpacific subsea cable

AUCKLAND, New Zealand and Papeete, French Polynesia - 5 September 2022 - Hawaiki Nui Submarine Cable LP (Hawaiki Nui), a subsidiary of BW Digital, and 'Office des postes et telecommunications' of French Polynesia (OPT) today announced a partnership to assess the connection of French Polynesia to the new Hawaiki Nui transpacific submarine cable.

Translated as 'The Great Hawaiki' in Polynesian, the 26,000km Hawaiki Nui submarine cable will be built on the existing Hawaiki Transpacific Cable asset, launched in 2018, which links Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Hawaii and Oregon on the west coast of the US. Hawaiki Nui will provide end-to-end connectivity between South-East Asia, Australasia and North America.

The agreement announced today marks the first step towards a strategic collaboration between the two partners to design a turnkey solution for the connection of French Polynesia to Hawaiki Nui cable, including a more-than 2,000km subsea branch to Tahiti, and the provision of international capacity to the main hubs of the Pacific region: Singapore, Sydney and Los Angeles.

OPT's international network is currently based on the Honotua cable from Tahiti to Hawaii and the Manatua cable from Tahiti to Cook Islands, Niue and Samoa.

"We look forward to working with OPT to realise our shared vision of developing international connectivity throughout the Indo-Pacific route," said Remi Galasso, CEO of Hawaiki Nui.

"We see this partnership bringing together our respective powerful competences in telecommunications infrastructure to design a new transpacific digital highway that will capitalise on, and underscore, French Polynesia's strategic location."

Jean-François Martin, CEO of OPT said: "This collaboration with Hawaiki Nui gives us the opportunity to reach a new stage in our growth strategy within the international connectivity sector. Direct access to a transpacific cable such as Hawaiki Nui will enable us to expand and secure our network as well as position Tahiti as a new regional hub in the South Pacific between Asian and American continents."

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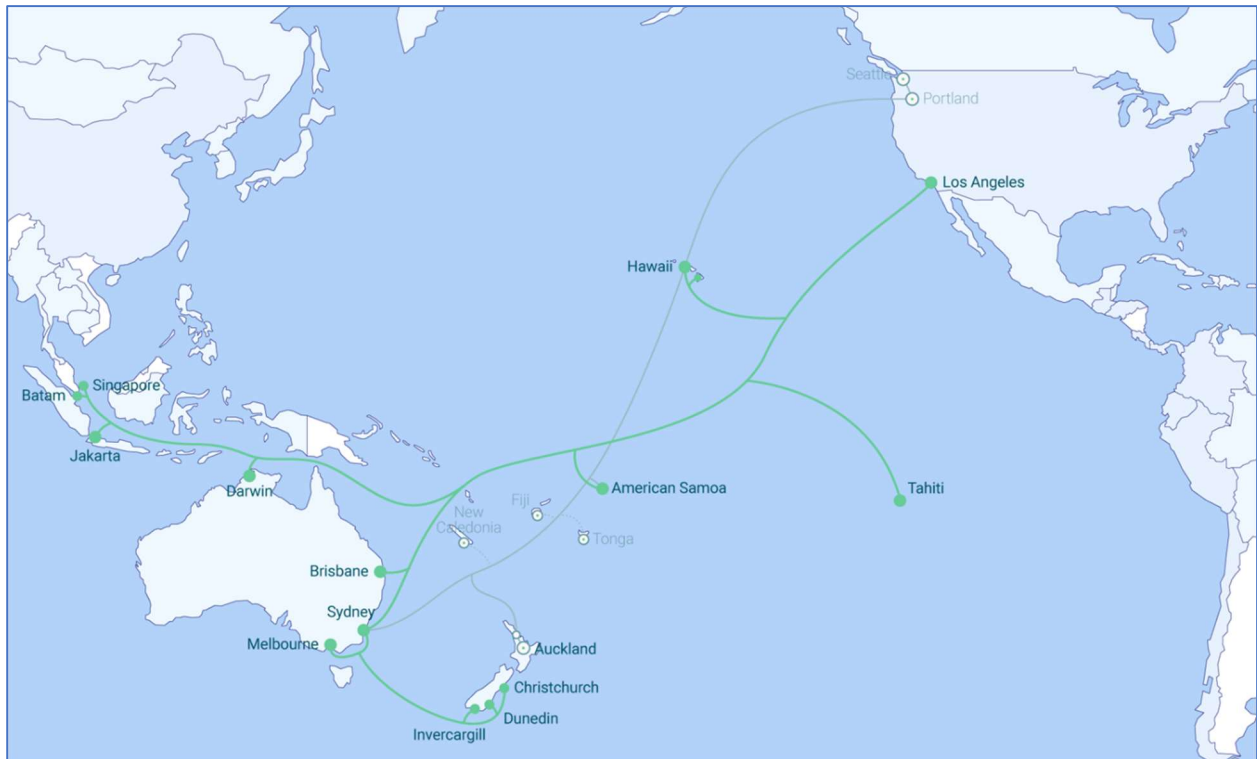
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Map of BW Digital submarine cables:

- Existing Hawaiki Transpacific submarine cable, in service since 2018, in grey.
- New Hawaiki Nui submarine cable in green.



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About Hawaiki Nui Submarine Cable LP

Hawaiki Nui Submarine Cable LP, headquartered in Auckland - New Zealand, is a subsidiary of BW Digital. It is the owner and developer of the 26,000km Hawaiki Nui submarine cable, connecting Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. For more information, visit www.bw-digital.com or connect with Hawaiki Nui on [LinkedIn](#).

About OPT French Polynesia

Office des postes et telecommunications (OPT) of French Polynesia is a government-owned company of French Polynesia and has 5 main subsidiaries. OPT is the Holding, ONATi is the telecommunications and multimedia operator, Fare Rata the postal operator, MARARA Payment, the payment institution, Tahiti Nui Télécoms provides the hosting of data centers and equipment such as satellite teleports, Honotua

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Cable System Landing Station, Pacific Cash Services provided funds transportation services. With 85 sales points spread over an area as vast as Europe, OPT group provides services to all users of inhabited islands.

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