

**AUSTRALIAN E-RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL
(AeRIC)**

AeRIC – 23 JULY 2007

AGENDA ITEM 4: WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose

For AeRIC to consider its work programme and how the programme might be organised within AeRIC.

Issues

AeRIC will be directly supported by its Executive Director (Dr Rhys Francis) and the AeRIC Secretariat within DEST. Dr Francis has responsibility for liaison with the research community and those developing or delivering Platforms for Collaboration (PfC) capability services, as well as providing reports from the National e-Research Architecture Taskforce (NeAT). The Secretariat will develop and administer all funding agreements to support the development and/or delivery of PfC capability services.

These services and related activities include:

- the delivery of the National Computational Infrastructure;
- the identification and development of tier one computational facilities;
- the delivery of the initial Interoperation and Collaboration Infrastructure;
- the extension of the Interoperation and Collaboration Infrastructure;
- the implementation of the Australian National Data Service;
- NeAT;
- the PfC foundation services, ie the Australian Access Federation and the Australian Research and Education Network; and
- the e-Research Forum.

AeRIC may wish to consider how, if at all, it wishes to distribute tasks and responsibilities amongst its members. AeRIC members may be interested to know that the NCRIS Committee employs a system under which each NCRIS capability has a 'mentor' who provides high level guidance on process and general commentary on proposals related to that capability.

NOTE: Agenda Item 6 provides for a report on activities currently under way in the capability.

Action

That AeRIC discuss its work programme and agree its organisation.

AeRIC Secretariat

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