

## **AUSTRALIAN eRESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL (AeRIC)**

**AeRIC MEETING – 17 NOVEMBER 2008**

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: NATIONAL eRESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE TASKFORCE (NeAT)**

#### **Purpose**

To update AeRIC on the progress of the National eResearch Infrastructure Taskforce (NeAT).

#### **Round 2 NeAT projects**

Since the last update provided to AeRIC in August, NeAT has met once on 23 September 2008, at which time it agreed to conduct an open call for second-round NeAT ideas. An open call for ideas for the second round of NeAT was issued in October, with a closing date for submissions of 7 November 2008.

In response to this call, 68 responses were received, from a wide range of interested parties, including responses from existing capabilities and from areas such as humanities, arts and the social sciences.

An initial meeting between the Executive Director AeRIC, ARCS and ANDS will be held on 13 November 2008 to discuss an initial assessment of the responses for NeAT's consideration. Dr Francis will provide a summary of ARCS' and ANDS' deliberations at this meeting.

A summary of the responses for Round 2 is at [Attachment A](#).

#### **Progress of Round 1 NeAT projects**

The status of Round 1 NeAT projects as at NeAT's September meeting is provided at [Attachment B](#).

In mid-October, the funding agreement for ASeSS was finalised between the Australian National University and the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

Project plans for ASeSS and DATA-MINX are still under development but expected to be finalised soon. All other Round 1 NeAT projects are currently underway.

#### **Action**

Members note the report.

AeRIC Executive Director

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