

AUSTRALIAN E-RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL (AeRIC)

AeRIC Meeting – 15 April 2008

AGENDA ITEM 3: DISCUSSION OF AeRIC'S SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL INNOVATION SYSTEM REVIEW

Purpose

To discuss and agree the focus of AeRIC's submission to the National Innovation System (NIS) review.

Issue

The AeRIC Secretariat has prepared a draft outline of an AeRIC submission to the NIS review for the consideration of members. The outline incorporates initial comments made by members at the February meeting and was circulated for comment on 2 April 2008.

The draft outline assumes a variety of audiences – in the first instance, the DIISR NIS Review team, and potentially the office of Minister Carr, followed by the wider general public (following publication to the DIISR website).

The *Review of the National Innovation System, A Call for Submissions* paper is at Attachment B. The paper seeks responses to the following key questions:

- 1) Can we imagine a better world? Are we asking the right questions?"
- 2) How do we solve the big challenges we face as a country, an industry or as a community?
- 3) Could we do everyday things better?
- 4) How do we get more firms and organisations to use the best available tools and techniques, from anywhere around the world, in what they do?
- 5) How do we make it easy for people to use tools or apply ideas in novel ways?
- 6) How do we educate and equip our people to be creative and innovative, life-long?
- 7) As a relatively small country, how does Australia prioritise its innovation efforts to make the most of what it has or can do?

Minister Carr has made additional public statements in the context of the review, which seek responses to the following specific issues:

- Mechanisms that allow Australian universities and public research agencies to work closely together
- New ideas that will encourage behavioural change and assist private companies and public researchers to work together
- An internationalisation of Australian research and Australian research programs.

On this basis, the attached outline poses AeRIC's input in the context of issues highlighted both by the Department in its review discussion paper and by the Minister. The proposed outline seeks to utilise these themes whilst making the connection between collaborative research (both in the public and private sectors),

the required eResearch infrastructure and the resulting contributions to the national innovation system.

Action

- AeRIC agrees the high-level focus of the submission to the NIS review.
- Members undertake to provide any additional feedback out of session.

Attachment A – outline of the AeRIC submission to the NIS review

*Attachment B – Review of the National Innovation System, A Call for Submissions
(pdf document)*