

**AUSTRALIAN e-RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL (AeRIC)  
AeRIC MEETING – 5 AUGUST 2008**

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

*eResearch Forum at the eResearch Australasia 2008*

**Purpose**

To seek AeRIC's views on how to structure and conduct the eResearch Forum

**Background**

eResearch Australasia 2008 will be held 29 September - 1 October at the Sebel and Citigate Hotels, Albert Park in Melbourne. Workshops will follow on 2 and 3 October.

The conference will feature speakers and demonstrations from the Australian and international eResearch community and will provide:

- A catalyst for innovation and collaboration, by bringing together the architects, builders, users, and managers of eResearch infrastructures and services;
- A forum to support the development, enhancement, and harmonisation of national, regional, and discipline-specific eResearch infrastructures and services;
- A showcase for innovative science and research enabled through these technologies and services.

The conference is co-sponsored by AeRIC via DIISR and a plenary session will be held in the afternoon of Tuesday 30 September. Senator, the Hon Kim Carr, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research will address the delegates. This will be followed by AeRIC's eResearch Forum which will run for up to two hours.

The Forum was flagged in the Platforms for Collaboration investment plan as a means of engaging with the broader eResearch community about the need for, and development of, services across the Pfc components. The aim is to use the feedback from the Forum to inform work being undertaken for Pfc.

The conference steering committee considered that it would be useful to have a panel session where Pfc component leaders could provide a short update on progress and then the audience would be invited to ask questions or provide suggestions for advancing eResearch capabilities.

The Chair of AeRIC and the Executive Director could jointly chair the session.

Delegates would be invited to lodge their questions and suggestions in advance at the conference, which would facilitate considered responses from the panel. It must be stressed that this is only a suggestion and AeRIC members are invited to make their own suggestions for shaping the session.

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