

14 November 1991

Professor Brian Wilson
Vice-Chancellor
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Dear Brian,

QUESTnet

I have attached a draft reply to the Minister's letter of 7 October (the date may be clear on your original copy).

The main object of my further meetings with Alan Hayman and Marion Pender is to obtain recurrent funding for Prentice.

All Queensland Universities and the Department of Business, Industry and Regional Development are represented on the Management Committee of QUESTnet but there are advantages in continuing our past practice of maintaining the Committee as a reasonably informal group.

Yours sincerely,

Alan W Coulter
Director

Attach:

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Dear Minister,

Grant for Implementation of Stage 2 of the
Queensland Education, Science and Technology Network (QUESTnet)

Thank you for your letter of 7 October advising that the State Government has allocated the sum of \$906,000 to implement Stage 2 of QUESTnet. Although the University of Queensland does not benefit directly from Stage 2, your action in maintaining the development of QUESTnet will benefit the State and, particularly, regional projects.

I confirm that the Prentice Centre will coordinate the implementation of Stage 2 and continue its role as QUESTnet network manager.

Mr Alan Coulter (Director) and Mr Graham Rees (Deputy Director) of the Prentice Centre have met with Dr Alan Hayman and Ms Marion Pender of your department to discuss means of ensuring the network is used to advantage. Mr Coulter will prepare guidelines for affiliate membership of QUESTnet by business and industrial organisations associated with Universities in research and development projects. There is also a need to determine the best way for scientific and related information from Queensland State Government departments and Universities to be made available through the network. I understand from Mr Coulter that Dr Hayman and Ms Pender are willing to continue their association with this activity and Mr Ian Hunter, Director of the Computer Centre at James Cook University of North Queensland, has also agreed to participate.

There is no doubt that the establishment of QUESTnet which is linked to the national academic network (AARNet) and in turn to all major international scientific networks is a significant asset supporting research and development in this State.

Yours sincerely,

Brian G Wilson
Vice-Chancellor