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Ian, It might be wise to substitute the word "expensive" with some other word like "popular" or "effective".

thanks for remembering. Grateful if you would circulate.

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> Alan

> Herewith a first draft of a letter which we had to write following the  
> QUESTNet Executive Meeting. Thought we should have at least a draft in  
> time for Friday's meeting.

> Your input is very welcome.

> Regards

> Ian

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> DRAFT

> Heads of Department

> AARNET AFFILIATE MEMBERS

> As you are almost certainly aware, since mid-1990 the University has  
> been connected to computer networks worldwide, using the facilities  
> provided by AARNet. AARNet is an expensive facility, providing  
> considerable benefits to the University community generally, and most  
> particularly to academics and researchers who are able to maintain  
> close contact with colleagues and developments elsewhere.

> The costs of AARNet in 1992 are met from 4 sources:

> % the universities (some 40% of total funding)  
> % The Australian Research Council (36%)  
> % CSIRO (11%)  
> % the Affiliate Membership program (13%)

> In addition, within Queensland, QUESTNet (effectively the Queensland  
> arm of AARNet) has been funded quite extensively by the Queensland  
> Government to allow it to increase the bandwidth of connections. As a  
> result, all links in Queensland are now running at 1 Megabit per second  
> or faster, and QUESTNet in turn is connected to the national AARNet hub  
> at 2 Megabits per second, which provides excellent communications  
> capabilities.

> It is obviously desirable to spread the costs of AARNet throughout as  
> much of the potential user community as possible, as none of the  
> participants, particularly the universities, are over-endowed with  
> recurrent funds. One way of spreading the cost is to increase the  
> number of Affiliate Members, and this memorandum seeks your support

