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Alan,

Thank you for your letter advising me of the Questnet meeting of the 4th September and the attached minutes of the meeting.

I must admit that I do not recall being advised of the meeting as John Noad evidently reported, but with the situation as it stood with respect to the activities associated with the Research Data Network Cooperative Research Centre at that time I would concur with his report that it would've been difficult for me to attend under the circumstances.

In reading through the minutes of the meeting there are a number of items on which I would appreciate further details if that is possible, which would assist me in briefing John Mullarvey on the matters covered in these minutes:

I note that under item 3.8 an interim report concerning QUESTNET link rationalisation was tabled at the meeting and that the directors were to consider the report. I would like to request a copy of this interim report, if I may.

I am a little confused in the wording of the paragraph under item 5, External Access to AARNet. I would appreciate what clarification you can offer here as to whether QUESTNET is proposing a QUESTNET policy for access to AARNet within Queensland which may differ from national AARNet policies in this area, or whether QUESTNET is proposing a policy which is distinct from the policy contained within the recently AVCC endorsed AARNet Business Plan and advocating that such a policy be adopted by AARNet on a national basis. In terms of advocating changes in AVCC policies concerning AARNet I would've thought that in the first instance such matters would be referred to myself as the Manager of AARNet, to be tabled for consideration by the AARNet Advisory Board and subsequent referral into the AVCC, as considered appropriate, rather than referring this matter immediately to the AVCC Board of Directors. Would you not agree?

As a point of clarification concerning the future directions of AARNet the Vice-Chancellors have now endorsed the directions espoused in the AARNet Business Plan. It is my understanding that this document will be circulated to institutions as an endorsed plan of activity. It is anticipated that further refinements may be required for this plan in the light of potential outcomes of the CRC planning process and other initiatives that may occur within the academic and research sector. I would request that any advice concerning refinements to this plan from QUESTNET be forwarded to the AARNet Advisory Board for detailed consideration. I note this only in response to the noted activity of preparing a document arguing the case for regionalisation in any future structure of AARNet and circulating this within the AUCDC structure. I would request that QUESTNET also pass a copy of such a document to the AARNet Advisory Board for their consideration.

I'm sorry that I did not attend the meeting. It appears to have been a very productive meeting and I'm confident the points noted above could've been dealt with efficiently at the time.

Thanks,

Geoff Huston  
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