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John,

Topics for consideration re inclusion in discussion could include:

- . access to high performance computing
- . common library front-ends within Brisbane
- . support for videoconferencing over aarnet
- . movement to network based multimedia
- . access to cdrom-based specialist databases (eg, library abstracts and journals)
- . access to specialist national databases located at a single site
- . plus all the other baseline services that are increasing at 30%pa (email, ftp, remote login, etc)
- . voice (although we agreed not to mention this)

I don't think that we really need to write a paragraph for each of the above and others that you and Alan may identify. The AARNet Board of Management knows as well as we do that usage is continually increasing and that cheaper methods of transmitting the information has to be found; hence their request to find out what we are planning with microwave.

This proposal, I believe, could have a single 2 or 3 sentence paragraph simply mentioning these topics by name without elaboration. The guts of the document should be the technical overview of the existing situation and the proposed option(s). There will be many implementation issues that will warrant considerable inter and intra institution consideration but I don't think this document should try and foreshadow that. We need to present an unified approach.

However, we may want to expand the document later if we want to put it before the State Government (or even our own VCs) for more money to supplement whatever the AVCC decides to give us. This could be done in a less rushed and more considered manner.

Hope this is of some benefit. Sorry about my unavailability for the next few days. I will try and get to my email Saturday afternoon and provide some further input based on whatever I find in my email intray.

Cheers,
Geoff.

Joe
The Questioned pls.