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THE AUSTRALIAN VICE-CHANCELLORS' COMMITTEE

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MESSAGE: RE AAAND Meeting - 14/12/89.

Draft agenda attached for information. Final agenda and papers will be faxed on 12/12/89. Light lunch will be provided at end of meeting. Comments appreciated by 8.30 am, 12/12/89.

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Australian Academic and Research Network

Meeting of the Network Steering Committee

Time/Location: 14 December, University of Sydney, 9:30 - 12:30 (at War Memorial Gallery)

Agenda

1. Previous Minutes

- Business arising from the minutes

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2. Review of current status with respect to:

- (i) Technical Specification of the network
- (ii) Selection of suppliers of equipment and services to AARNet
- (iii) Contract negotiations for the supply and maintenance of network equipment
- (iv) Implementation strategy
- (v) The role of Regional activity within AARNet
- (vi) Funding of AARNet

3. Management of AARNet

The attached draft AARNet Management paper presents a management structure for AARNet. The major components of the proposed AARNet management structure are:

- The creation of an AARNet Management Board with representation drawn from the three funding bodies and the ARC. This board would be responsible for overseeing AARNet activities, and determination of matters of policy concerned with current and envisaged data communications services provided through AARNet.
- A National AARNet Management Group, responsible for both the business management of AARNet and the Technical management of the network. This group will consist in the first instance of three full-time staff members of the AVCC.
- The ability of the Board to create AARNet Technical Working Groups. These Working Groups are intended to conduct detailed investigation of a technical nature into specified aspects of AARNet and report to the Board with respect to appropriate responses to such technical issues.
- Regional Technical groups to provide local assistance in the installation and maintenance of the individual links to each member site connected to AARNet, in cooperation with the National AARNet Management Group. These regional-based groups would allow direct representation from each AARNet member site into the overall AARNet structure.

Note: Paper circulated by Chris Rusbridge

4. Connection Policy and Charges for Non-Members

The attached draft AARNet paper on terms and conditions of ~~Affiliate~~ AARNet Membership form the basis of the policy and charges relating to such bodies. The major components of the proposed AARNet terms and conditions are:

- The requirement for an AARNet member to sponsor the application for ~~affiliate~~ membership, in order to confirm that the connecting organisation is either undertaking joint activity with a member institution, or is offering a required service to the academic and research community.
- The splitting up of the connection into two components: the tail end link to the connecting institution, which will involve an AARNet member of the Regional hub site as partners in the installation of data transmission equipment and link hardware, and secondly a charge component relating to the access thereby gained into the national network infrastructure and the connected international academic and research networks

5. Other issues raised by Members (please advise of particular issues which members wish to raise by 8.30 12/12/89)