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Comments from John Noad

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Re - your Regional Management DRAFT I would add the following:

1. COSTS

Even in a large State like Queensland, it is possible to hold Management and Technical meetings involving staff from all institutions at a reasonable cost. Also, because of the numbers involved such meetings are reasonably effective.

However, this is NOT possible at a National level unless there is a formal structure of Regional Management Committees and Regional Technical Committees, with representation on appropriate National Committees.

Cost of Australia-wide meetings of institution management and/or technical staff would be prohibitive and the size of such meetings would limit their effectiveness.

2. DEVELOPMENTS

The Regional structure and ability to promote technical meetings makes an ideal forum for local developments which can be migrated to the national network if desired.