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MEMORANDUM

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TO : Vice-Chancellors
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SUBJECT : AARNet PROJECT FUNDING

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Included in the overall 1991 budget for the Australian Academic and Research Network (AARNet) is a sum of \$150,000 to provide funding for educational, promotional and developmental projects relating to AARNet. Proposals are now being sought from AARNet members (within both higher education institutions and CSIRO).

Proposals need to address issues relating to the education and/or the promotion of the use of communications services within the academic and research domain, or address technical issues directly related to the technology used by AARNet and member institutions.

The proposals should clearly indicate the nature of the work to be undertaken, the intended objectives of the activity, and the proportion of the activity for which funding is sought.

The general guidelines to be used in evaluating the projects are:

- (a) the project should have national benefit and if possible involve more than one organisation;
- (b) equipment is not funded unless it is to be purchased and owned by AARNet;
- (c) the project may be developmental or feasibility related in nature. One of the aims of this program is to foster a body of knowledge in advanced network technology; and
- (d) project funding is based solely on the merit of each project. There is no geographic component of the allocation of funds.

The proposals will be evaluated by the Special Projects Subcommittee of the AARNet Advisory Board, and the results of their evaluation are anticipated to be made know in the second quarter of 1991. Funds for the successful projects will be made available within the same timeframe. To assist in meeting this timeframe proposals are to be submitted to the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) by 15 April 1991. Further information on the program can be obtained from Geoff Huston, AARNet Technical Manager.

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