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Dear Professor McNicol

**AARNet Project Submissions**

I was unable to attend the May Board meeting at which my previous report on AARNet Project Funding was discussed. The Board approved projects 7, 9/10, and 14. The Board resolved to request the Evaluation Committee to reconvene and review all remaining project submissions. This latter action was, I am led to believe, due to the fact that the views of two members of the Committee were not recorded in the initial report.

On receipt of the minutes of the Board, I sought the opinions of Professors O'Kane and O'Callaghan. These are attached. Given their responses I have not reconvened the Evaluation Committee, believing that the majority view of the total Evaluation Committee is in agreement with the Board's decision to fund the three approved projects. The other projects have no majority support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Erskine".

Robin Erskine  
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Dr Robin Erskine  
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Dear Robin,

### AARNet Project Submissions

My comments on AARNet Project Submissions are as follows:

- Projects 2 (RMIT Training Video), 5 (JCU Training Video), 8 (UTS Training Courses) and 11 (UNE Novice User Interface) are all training material projects. I agree with Geoff Huston's comment that we should evaluate currently commissioned material before commissioning more material.
- Projects 1 (UQ Private X.25 network feasibility), 3 (RMIT Interoperability Test Centre), 6 (UTS - Transputer User Interface), 12 (Guru - Text Database) and 15 (Griffith Fax Project) while all interesting projects in their own right, are not critical to AARNet's current development.
- Project 4 (US - A/V Broadcasting over AARNet) is not appropriate for AARNet Project Funding. Maybe they should be referred to DEET for some form of education and training program grant.
- Project 7 (CSIRO, DMS - AARNet Time Reference) - I think this is a good idea. Further details should be sought.
- Projects 9&10 (Archive Services and Directories - Sydney, Wollongong, Deaking and Adelaide) - I think an Australian archive service is a good idea. As was suggested at the last Advisory Board Meeting, some co-ordinated activity should be funded in this area.
- Project 13 (UQ X.400 mail services) is, I think, basically a good idea but a more detailed proposal should be requested before a funding decision is made.

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- Project 14 (UT Antarctic Connection) is a good idea but whether or not it should be handled by AARNet is debatable. Would the Antarctic Division be willing to fund it?

Regards,

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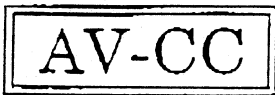
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**1991 AARNET FUNDING FOR PROJECTS**

We support the recommendations made by the Project Evaluation Sub-Committee - that is we would support numbers 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14.

We are of the opinion that number 13 should not be supported because much of this activity is being undertaken by various groups and commercial organizations in Australia.

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# Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee

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## The Australian Academic and Research Network 1991 AARNet Funding for Projects Summary Table

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The following table summarizes the status of each submission with respect to the Evaluation Sub-Committee.

Institution	Project	Amount Requested	Recommendation
1 University of Queensland	Private X.25 network feasibility	\$10,000	Not Supported (*1)
2 Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Training Video	\$5,000	Not Supported (*1)
3 Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Interoperability Test Centre	\$23,506	Not Supported
4 University of Sydney	A/V Broadcasting over AARNet	\$16,250	Not Supported (*1)
5 James Cook University of North Queensland	Training Video	\$33,500	Not Supported
6 University of Technology Sydney	Transputer User Interface	\$14,000	Not Supported
7 CSIRO, DMS	AARNet Time Reference	\$7,400	Supported ✓
8 University of Technology Sydney	AARNet Training Courses	\$7,000	Not Supported
9 University of Sydney	Information Archive Directories	\$20,000	Supported (*2)
10 University of Wollongong (plus Deakin & Adelaide)	Archive Servers	\$50,000	Supported (*2) ✓ <i>\$3000 to look out next stop</i>
11 University of New England	Novice User Interface	\$13,000 + print costs	Not Supported
12 University of Adelaide	Guru - Text Database	\$38,000	Supported (*2)
13 University of Queensland	X.400 mail services	\$15,000	Not Supported (*1)
14 University of Tasmania	Antartic Connection	\$35,520	Supported (*1) ✓
15 Griffith University	Fax Project	\$52,900	Not Supported

\*1 The Sub-Committee failed to reach a consensus decision.

\*2 The Sub-Committee recommended some additional provisions to be associated with support for the project