Dear Peter,

I refer to your letter of 10 August to the Vice-Chancellor.

There is no doubt that the initial success with the implementation
of AARNet was in no small measure due to the technical expertise
within the Computer Centres of many Australian Universities. I am
pleased to see that this expertise will continue to be used for the
further development of AARNet. This occurred during the first couple
of years of AARNet when the Advisory Board budgeted a few hundred
thousand dollars per year for funding projects in institutions. This
lapsed with AARNet financial difficulties. The current proposal is
to bring the expertise together but at no cost to AARNet funds.

We are pleased to accept the invitation of George Michaelson and
Mark I Williams to join the AARNet Engineering Group. We agree to
fund their attendance at meetings for general discussions. I am sure
you will appreciate, however, that we have no special funding for this
purpose and their involvement in projects will depend on association
with work being undertaken locally. This does not mean, of course,
that we cannot plan ahead so that the total of engineering resources
across AARNet is used to best advantage for national and local
projects.

Best Wishes,

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