Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia



BROADBAND FOR THE TROPICS

Tropical Innovation Projects -Governance Proposal

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TROPICAL INNOVATION PROJECTS - ICT GAME CHANGERS

- 1. Living in the Tropics
- 2. Business in the Tropics
- 3. Energy and Water management in the Urban Tropics

GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL

Project Facilitator: "Broadband for the Tropics" Committee

Project Management: A Project Management Group (PMG) will consist of:

- a BftT representative
- a James Cook University representative appointed by the Vice Chancellor
- a Townsville City Council representative appointed by its CEO
- such other persons as the PMG considers necessary to ensure the effective and timely delivery of the project.

Project Manager: The PMG will engage (as employees and/or consultants) such person or persons as it considers necessary to act on the directions of the PMG for effective delivery and completion of the projects.

Financial: An entity acceptable to Government will be appointed to receive, manage and disburse government and other contributions to the project. The financial activities will be subject to government audit procedures. As an example Townsville City Council have offered its services.

Reporting: The PMG will provide Government with reports on its activities at six monthly intervals. Reports will include financials and project updates.

Intellectual Property Rights to project outcomes: To be discussed with government.

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