



WELCOME TO INEWS

The IMETT Team put in an intense effort in the final quarter of 2010 completing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on 8th November 2010 - one month ahead of schedule.

The EIS was the work of more than 20 personnel, including the IMETT Project team and a number of professional consultants.

With such a team on board, and subsequent to the events that followed the submission, IMETT Directors concluded that there was an opportunity to broaden the scope, and reduce the sensitivity to a single location.

Negotiations have therefore continued in this regard, and the international consulting opportunities have been expanded.

Meanwhile, IMETT executives are continuing to build on the enquiry and relationships created by the project, with a range of top quality high profile product and service providers, including a number of potential project partners in the automotive, hotel, education and food and beverage industries.

Such partnerships are set to re-define the motorsport, automotive, tourism and technology industries in Australia.

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QUEENSLAND STILL WITH US!

December's press announcement that the project had 'lapsed' was disappointing, however, ongoing discussions with Government representatives indicate Queensland definitely wants the jobs and investment that IMETT brings and high-level discussions are continuing, in regard to the process, in order to move forward.

Discussions with Government have been frequent since the announcement when we were advised the time allocation for the submission had lapsed.

Further meetings between the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation have left little doubt that Queensland definitely 'wants the project' and we have been invited to submit a new project, with a revised scope.

So what happened? Well it seems that the considerable benefit in jobs, tourism, events and education got lost in the process, losing sight of the result - although there seems to have been a marked change in understanding during the early part of 2011

Currently IMETT is working towards re-engaging in the process. It is anticipated that this may add considerable additional time to the IMETT project.

IMETT EDUCATION INSPIRES

IMETT has identified partnership opportunities with a number of educational faculties, both inside and outside of Australia. Its target is to provide technical trade-based training extending up to university level courses.

All of this will be available at the one venue, together with overseas exchange opportunities.

IMETT will initially offer training

programmes in the motorsport and automotive sectors, providing students with opportunities for study, work experience and potential employment in Australia's leading motorsport precinct.

The ability to be inspired by leading motorsport champions and engineers will create an ideal learning environment for students.

IMETT POWERED FOR ICT

Of the 5000 full time jobs being created by IMETT, the sector of Information & Computer Technology (ICT) is amongst the most important.

Once operational IMETT will need to fill positions in Computer Support, Network Support, Database Analyst/Designer, Computer Communications Technicians, Systems Administrators, System Analysts, and Web Development, to name but a few.

Key aspects of IMETT operations will involve computer systems operations including, security, booking, ticketing, scheduling, rostering, web development, facilities management, environmental systems, waste systems, power systems and administrative systems.

IMETT GETS SOCIAL

Apparently email is old news – according to current research.

So IMETT has taken that giant leap into social media to ensure that our supporters keep up to date. Facebook, Twitter and regular Blog commentary ensure

that you're never too far from an update. While we haven't actively searched for participants, our online community is slowly growing into a team of IMETT advocates, who endlessly circulate the information available!

MAKING IT SUSTAINABLE

Environmental Sustainability is the base to the planned IMETT precinct. It involves a lot of green space, planting of millions of trees and the use of water areas for both beautification and as a component of the purification process - transitioning hot open areas to cool pleasant places you want to spend time in.

Community Sustainability is where IMETT brings a multitude of long-term jobs building on the strengths of the community and underwriting its future. If we add education and training we close the circle. All of this, minutes from home.

Social Sustainability is the mix of personnel within IMETT and how this is managed. IMETT will attract international events and visitors and this wonderful mix of cultures, languages, foods, music and behaviours will add diversity to the Gold Coast.

Commercial Sustainability is the economic foundation that we all realise is necessary if we want to grow and prosper. Yes, from time to time there may be road traffic congestion and noise when a major motorsport event is being conducted or crowds are present. This is part of the economic cycle that ultimately flows into the community.

FEEDBACK WELCOME:



OUR COMMUNITY

Without question, the December announcement had a devastating effect on the project's local community, particularly in the cane land area.

The wider community in the northern Gold Coast region has one of the highest unemployment ratings in Queensland.

The IMETT Project is one of the largest job creation projects in Australia, offering a skill range from low skilled to very highly skilled employment. It also effectively underwrites land property values in the cane lands and immediate surrounding urban areas.

IMETT continues to enjoy good relations with the sugar industry, as well as industry groups such as the Canegrowers Association. IMETT will continue to work with these industry groups, as we work through the approvals process.