



WELCOME TO INEWS

Welcome to the first edition of the new *IMETT INEWS* designed to provide an ongoing update of the progress of the company and the Norwell project.

Since its inception IMETT has developed relationships with a number of stakeholders, partners, volunteers and interested parties all keen on keeping pace with development

INEWS extends the warmest thanks to all IMETT personnel, partners and associates who have been absolutely magnificent in the help and assistance provided to move the project forward to its present status. As many have said, *"it will make a good book someday"*.

John Macpherson

Executive Director Planning

CURRENT ACTIVITY

The last three months have seen a marked increase in the level of activity ... if this is possible!

During the time from early June through August a huge effort has been expended on working through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

Draft documents have been lodged with the DIP, backed up with a series of high-level

meetings and presentations covering all areas of the Terms of Reference including Financial Sustainability.

Interaction with IMETT funders continues and is progressing well. All eyes are on the timing of the EIS announcement, with project funding keyed into this timeframe. Much day-to-day activity continues in this area.

NEW CORPORATE OFFICE

The current IMETT "Project Office" is in the process of being decommissioned and transferred to Hope Island, which will be fully operational by early September.

A move to permanent facilities is scheduled to begin post full EIS approval.

Essentially a back-office facility, the new premise would be designed to house the first of the project groups, corporate divisions, systems and facilities management.

Timing for this is anticipated in 2-3 months.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

As part of the final stages of the EIS process, the IMETT EIS will be made available for a period of community consultation, generally for a period of some 4 – 6 weeks, for comment and feedback.

IMETT is presently developing plans for the community consultation phase that would provide opportunities for the local

community to learn more about the IMETT Project.

The program will include information on the precinct location, Community Information brochures, and fact sheets.

Final detail on the precinct layout will be included in the next developmental stage, the Master Plan.

PROGRESS REPORT

Early concept planning has begun for the development of the first of the Botanical Gardens.

Additionally, the first of the concept drawings for the boutique hotel have also been received.

These are subject to the Co-ordinator General considering his report on the IMETT EIS, and recommending the IMETT Project be granted conditional approval.

PARTNERS & CO-LOCATORS

This sector is beginning to build real momentum with a number of possible international partners expressing interest in co-location, or requesting more information regarding IMETT and its functionality.

IMETT continues to discuss arrangements with such organizations and how they might be accommodated into IMETT and ultimately enhance the facility.

CREATING AN IMPACT

One in ten Queenslanders work in the construction industry, but the Global Financial Crisis has had a dramatic impact on it and private sector investment in new construction projects has all but dried up over the past 18 months; some 16,000 jobs have been lost in the Gold Coast construction industry alone in that time.

Being “shovel ready” means IMETT is a timely project to boost the Queensland construction industry, as well as inject much needed confidence into the troubled industry. The IMETT project is expected to create a minimum of 2,000 new jobs in the construction industry, with construction activity extending for more than 3 years. Importantly, it is likely that some 80-85% of all construction funds will be spent in Queensland.

MARKETING

A new Community Information brochure has been developed for use during the community consultation period.

In addition to the printed version, an electronic copy will be available for download off the IMETT website at the time the community consultation phase commences.

The IMETT website is also being upgraded in preparation for the community consultation phase, and will include additional documents for download, a job registration facility, a community comment facility, and a product and services supply registration facility.

Together with the refinement of communications strategies, all this has kept the marketing group very busy with lots of proofing and checking of documents and web pages.