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The Australian Electronic Governance Conference, Melbourne, 13–14 April 2004

The Australian Electronic Governance Conference 2004, is to be held at the University of Melbourne on 13 and 14 April 2004. The conference will draw together a diverse group of scholars and practitioners interested in the benefits, potential, and problems associated with electronic governance: the application of new communications media to the processes and structures of government and social co-ordination.

The conference has five objectives:

- to stimulate academic and practitioner discussion of the potentials, pitfalls, and issues associated with the development of

electronic governance concepts and technologies;

- to draw together case examples of electronic democracy, governance, and consultation and participation from across Australia in one forum, document these initiatives, and distribute this information to a wider community of interest;
- to showcase innovative and effective examples of electronic governance practice to stimulate research, emulation, and innovation;
- to establish new networks of researchers and practitioners in this emerging field of endeavour and study;
- to develop a domestic view of the value and potential of this emerging field of activity that is sympathetic to the political cultural values of Australia and its unique institutional arrangements.

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