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IMOS EIF UPDATE #7

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Dear IMOS Colleagues,

For those of you not yet on well-earned leave, I thought I should provide a brief update on the status of IMOS EIF Planning.

Since the National Meeting on 26th November, efforts have been focused on the following:

- A meeting of the Steering Committee of Node Leaders on 9th December to discuss further synthesis and prioritisation across the Nodes, particularly in the areas of monitoring boundary currents, continental shelf processes, and biological responses.
- An Advisory Board meeting on 21st December to assess the package of Node and Facility Proposals submitted, and make decisions about what elements of the package will go into the Project Plan to be submitted to DIISR in February 2010 for final approval.

The Steering Committee meeting was very constructive. The Advisory Board met earlier this week and made its decisions, and the documented output of the Board's assessment and decision making is now being finalised.

On that basis, decisions will now be advised in early January 2010. We are aiming to provide a report to the community by no later than Monday 11th January.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me (by mobile) if you need to discuss any particular issues. We're aware that co-investment negotiations are progressing with several State Governments, and there may be some need to discuss specific issues in this context.

I am available till COB Thursday 24th December, and the IMOS Office is open again on Monday 4th January.

Wishing you all a very merry Xmas, and a happy new year.

Regards, Tim

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