

Key messages for staff – implications of AAL's NCRIS recommendation
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NCRIS

- Pays for ASKAP operations (MRO and ACES) but allows us to maintain our other facilities even as we keep ASKAP running "full speed".
- Had planned for \$4m of funding in future years
- Proposed allocation for 16-17 is \$3.1m
- Proposed allocation for 17-18 and beyond is zero.

Current Facility costs (ATUC Nov 2015)

- ASKAP \$8.3m
- ATCA \$3.5m
- Parkes \$2.2m
- Common items (including LBA) \$1.4m

Immediate impacts (16-17)

- Limited
- [if asked] Redundancies – can't rule out a small number at this stage; CASS budget being finalised in the next couple of weeks

Highest priority is to find extra external funds for 17-18 and beyond.

If this is not possible, potential Savings for 17-18 and beyond:

- Stop operating ATCA
- Stop operating Parkes (but substantial contribution from Breakthrough)
- Reduce Engineering program – fully funded external work only
- Moderate savings across CASS (but noting that \$4m is nearly 20% of total CSIRO funding for the ATNF)
[here have used direct appropriation for ATNF Ops, Engineering, Directors Office, Astro, less OCE/Sci Leader]

Next steps

- Are providing feedback to AAL on potential consequences
- AAL's funding decision is not final, but is the most likely outcome
- Developing a plan for external funds – selling time on the telescopes
- Steering Committee at Parkes 25-26 May
- ATUC 2-3 June – will present options to community and seek feedback
- Staff suggestions on savings and options via Program Directors.
- Must identify explicit options for saving so that the user community has the maximum time to plan, should they become necessary.