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University of Queensland ITEE Innovation Expo 2003
ENB Innovation Award Entry Form

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City/Town _____ **State** _____ **Postcode** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

Title of Your Innovation _____

1. **Prior Public Disclosures:** Has the innovation been described or demonstrated more than 10 months ago to persons who are not fellow students or employees of the University in an academic or other professional capacity?

Yes / No (please circle one) If "Yes" please proceed to part a) below.

a) Was there an understanding between you and the person(s) that the innovation was described or demonstrated to that the information was provided on a confidential basis?

Yes / No (please circle one).

If "Yes" then please proceed to part b) and complete the remainder of the questionnaire.

If "No" then please proceed to Note A below.

b) What was the approximate date of the disclosure?

c) Was a formal confidentiality agreement signed? Yes / No.

2. **Who invented the innovation?**

3. **Ownership:** Have the inventor(s) assigned their rights in the invention to any other persons? If so please explain.

4. **Prior Patenting:** Have any patent applications already been lodged anywhere in the world for the innovation?

Yes / No : Please circle one.

5. **Prior Art Searches:** Have any literature or patent searches been performed to determine if the innovation has been described in the past? If so what were the results?

6. **Innovation Description:** Please briefly describe your innovation, preferably attach diagrams.

7. **Dilemma Addressed:** What is the problem that your innovation addresses? Please enclose additional background information if necessary.

8. **Innovation Advantages:** How does your innovation solve the problem described above?

9. **Innovation Function:** How does your product operate or how will someone use it?

Note A

Due to time constraints we regret that if you circled "No" in part a) above then you are ineligible for this competition. This is because under Australian patent law it is not possible to secure valid Australian patent protection if the inventor has disclosed his / her invention more than twelve months prior to applying for a complete Australian patent. It appears that you may have made an invalidating public disclosure close to the twelve month deadline.

Conditions of Entry

Eagar Newcomb & Buck Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys ("ENB") are pleased to support the ITEE Innovation Expo and raise the profile of patent protection in the academic community by sponsoring a prize in the form of costs and services to the point of obtaining allowance of an Australian patent application for an innovation eligible for display at the ITEE Expo 2003. It is estimated that the value of the prize is \$5,000 - \$7,500.

1. ENB will cover all official fees and professional attorney fees associated with the preparation and prosecution to acceptance, or refusal of acceptance, by IP Australia ("the Patent Office") of a standard Australian patent application ("the Application").
2. ENB cannot, and does not, guarantee that the Application will be accepted by IP Australia or that a valid patent will ultimately issue.

3. ENB reserves the right to withdraw its services and cease to cover official fees in the event that the details furnished to it above do not constitute a full and frank disclosure.
4. In the event that ENB is unable to obtain instructions from the winners of the competition during examination of the patent application then it reserves the right to allow the application to lapse.
5. The decision of the judges in awarding the prize is final and no discussion will be entered into.