

# Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2009

## Queensland

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**Approved Project Title** **Implementing teleauscultation for remote user health services in Australia: A case study with economic evaluation**

**2009 :** \$ 78,591

**2010 :** \$ 78,591

**2011 :** \$ 78,591

**Primary RFCD** 3212 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

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#### **Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)**

Queensland Health

RMK Engineering College

ACRREBP (Joanne Briggs Institute)

**Administering Organisation** University of Southern Queensland

#### **Project Summary**

By reducing the requirement for patients to travel to major centres for assessment, this project is expected to result in significant direct savings per individual patient. Indirect cost reductions will also result from the minimisation of travel for patients, with the potential for national savings in transport infrastructure costs, greenhouse gases emissions, and decreasing other undesirable consequences of either private or public transport travel for patients and/or specialist physicians. Further indirect benefits include incidental learning by staff working with patients in remote location through the remote link. Other advantages include happier patients as they will not need to leave their home and loved ones as often.