



Australian Academy of Science

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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Earth Sciences

2009 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN, including TIMELINES AND PROPOSED BUDGETS

1. Aims of this NC

- Maximise the engagement of the Australian Earth Sciences with the international scientific community;
- Encourage and facilitate development of the Australian Earth Sciences, either jointly with other bodies or separately;
- Liaise with appropriate national and international bodies and societies;
- Propose and encourage scientific activities in Australia, either jointly or separately
- Ensure the maximum participation by Australian scientists in relevant activities of international bodies, including the relevant international unions
- Keep the relevant international bodies informed at appropriate times of Australian opinions and plans.

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved.

- Liaise with academic, government and professional groups to facilitate the coordinated adoption and implementation of the 2003 National Strategic Plan for the Geosciences.
- Liaise closely with the AuScope initiative under the NCRIS program particularly in planning for the national Geotransects.
- Promote and encourage involvement by the Earth Sciences community in preparation for the 25th International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics General Assembly in Melbourne in 2011, and the 34th International Geological Congress in Brisbane in 2012
- Promote and facilitate activities for the 2009 activities associated with International Year of Planet Earth
- Liaise with relevant national bodies and International Unions as required

3. Plan of work/activities (and proposed budget details) in 2008 which will achieve the aims:

a National

- Meeting of the National Committee in Canberra (June or July)
Interstate airfares and taxis for four members \$ 2,000

b International Scientific Union

- Support for attendance at executive Committees of IUGS, IUGG held in Australia \$ 500