



Australian Academy of Science

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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Earth Sciences

2011 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN Including TIMELINES for up to 5 years

It is anticipated that this Plan would provide information on:

1. Aims of this National Committee

- 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 continue to facilitate the coordinated adoption and implementation of the 2003 National Strategic Plan for the Geosciences and update from 2009 review.
- 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 (IUGG) General Assembly in Melbourne in 2011, and the 34th International Geological Congress in Brisbane in 2012
- Liaise with relevant national bodies and International Unions as required

3. Plan of work/activities for up to 5 years including timelines

- For each year a meeting of the National Committee should occur mid-year in association with major conferences (IUGG –Melbourne 2011; IGC –Brisbane 2012) to be followed by a teleconference late in the year to maintain momentum.
- The Work plan will pick up on the issues emerging from the review of the 2003 Strategic Plan for the Earth Sciences undertaken in 2009 , with planning for a new Strategic Plan beginning after the two major International meetings in Australia, i.e. in 2013
- To 2012 – support development of the Scientific Program for the International Geological Congress in Brisbane (August 2011) to maximise benefit to Australia
- In 2013 – Organise workshop to begin the processes of consultation necessary for a new Strategic Plan with the aim of a new document being prepared for 2014.

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4. Proposed budget details (Please use the attached spreadsheet)



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Note each National Committee is allocated:

- \$3,000 per annum to support committee meetings.
- Up to \$2,500 each for up to three approved voting delegates, upon presentation of a report and receipts/invoices, for attendance at the triennial/quadrennial General Assembly meetings of the corresponding International Union.

Progress against these identified Work Plan activities will be reported on in the Chairs' annual reports to the Academy. Work Plans for 2010 can be viewed at www.science.org.au/natcoms

Note: This plan will be published on the National Committee page of the Academy of Science website www.science.org.au/natcoms.

Please complete and return this form by 14 January 2011 to:

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