

Committee:	National Committee for Nutrition
Period covered:	1 January 2014 – 31 December 2016
Chair:	Professor Dunshea
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Purpose / context	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To connect the Academy to science and scientists in Australia; 2. To link the Academy to Australian scientific societies in order to work together to promote the development of the discipline; 3. To link Australian science in the disciplines to world science, in particular through the membership of appropriate international organisations; 4. To ensure that Australia has a voice and a role in the global development of the disciplines; 5. To provide strategic science policy advice, to the Academy, as input to Academy science policy statements, and (with the approval of the Executive Committee of Council) to the Australian Government and Australian organisations. 6. To develop guidelines and policies with the Royal Society of New Zealand for the formation of the Oceania Regional Group of the International Union of Nutrition Sciences
Description and objectives	The NC Nutrition is a committee of the Council of the Australian Academy of Science. The broad aims of the committee is to foster nutritional science in Australia, to link the Academy to Australian nutritional scientists and relevant scientific and other societies, and to serve as a link between Australian and overseas nutritionists, primarily through the International Union of Nutrition Sciences (IUNS).
Coverage	The science relevant to nutrition and human health, including effects of under- and over-supply of food and particular nutrients; safety and security of the food supply.
Linked international organisation	International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS).
Key connected organisations	<p><i>(List international unions, Australian scientific societies, other national committees, etc)</i></p> <p>Links to other National Committees: Medicine and Public Health; Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.</p> <p>Australian Societies and Organisations: Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA), Australian Institute of Agricultural Science, Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology, Australian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Australian Society of Medical Research, Australian Society for the</p>

	<p>Study of Obesity, Australian Society of Animal Production, Dieticians Association of Australia, Australian College of Nutritional and Environmental Medicine, Australian Association of Ruminant Nutritionists.</p> <p>International Organisations: IUNS Oceania Regional 'body', a joint activity between Australia and New Zealand formally ratified by IUNS membership in September 2013, International Union of Food Science and Technology.</p>
<p>Key outcomes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved committees structure and membership (annual); 2. Approved annual report (annual); 3. Engagement with Australian nutritionists by contributing a news items to society publications, and seeking opportunities to discuss NC activities at general meetings of the societies; 4. Engagement with relevant Australian societies and organisations, by having the nominee of both the President of the Nutrition Society of Australia and the President of the Dietitians Association of Australia as observers on the NC, and inviting representatives of other relevant societies as observers to NC meetings, and seeking opportunities to provide a regular statement on NC activities to council meeting of the NSA, and other organisations; 5. Engagement with relevant national committees on issues of common interest; 6. Engagement with IUNS and other international nutrition scientific societies and organisations, including nomination of members of IUNS working parties, and of delegates at IUNS General Assemblies, and consultation with Australian members of Commissions, Working Groups, Committees and Councils; 7. To hold a national conference on nutrition in conjunction with the University of Sydney in 2014. 8. To host a national conference in Canberra on 'climate change/.food security" in 2014 9. To review the undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum programs for teaching nutrition (not Dietetics) in Australia and hold a workshop with program co-ordinators on this topic at the NSA annual meeting in 2014. 10. Obtaining financial and other resources to assist in the delivery of its activities, including contributions to the Australian subscriptions to International Organisations.
<p>Indicative budget</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$3000 per annum for meetings provided by AAS

	2. Up to \$2500 provided by AAS to support attendance at international meetings of IUNS (2017).
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