

Terms of reference:

Decadal Plan Working Group Terms of Reference:

1. By considering how best to position Australia in the international astronomical landscape of the coming decade, the Decadal Plan Working Groups are each requested to compile a report that:
 - a. Reports on progress against objectives of the previous Decadal Plan
 - b. Provides a stock take of current or future capabilities/resources in the area
 - c. Identifies any new national or international opportunities/requirements in the area over the period 2026-35
 - d. Suggests strategies and the resourcing levels required to maximise these new opportunities.
2. The working groups are encouraged to consult widely, through whatever means appropriate, with all key stakeholders (both national and international) in developing their report.
3. Each of the Working Groups 1.0 – 1.4 should form sub-groups with responsibility for reporting, as part of the working group report, on the progress and opportunities for survey science, theoretical astrophysics, and radio/sub-mm, and optical/IR observation.
4. Each working group is asked to submit a report on planned activities and an outline plan (with milestones) for the delivery of the final Working Group report for presentation at the 11 December 2023 meeting of the NCA. The Working Group chair will be required to present this plan (virtually) to the NCA at this meeting.
5. Each working group should submit their final Working Group report to the NCA, through the Chair, no later than September 30, 2024.