

**ATUC Terms of Reference
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- To provide advice to the Director on operational and developmental issues relating to the facilities provided by the ATNF. These include the Australia Telescope Compact Array, the Parkes radio telescope, the Mopra radio telescope, the Long Baseline Array, the Tidbinbilla radio telescopes, and all aspects of National Facility support.
- To make recommendations to the Director that seek to maximise the scientific productivity and maintain the international competitiveness of the ATNF, taking into account the likely resource availability.
- To consult widely with the national and international community, liaising where necessary with the national time assignment groups, to make informed recommendations to the Director on priorities for both operations and future developments.
- To meet twice a year in both open and closed sessions, with appropriate input on developments and responses to issues from the ATNF.
- To provide an annual written report to the Director for communication to the AT Steering Committee in March/April of each year.
- To maintain a membership of 10 to 13 voting members, two of which will be students, plus a non-voting Secretary. The membership will reflect the geographical distribution of users and include users of the full range of facilities.
- The normal length of service for non-student members of ATUC will be six meetings. Student members will sit on ATUC for a maximum term of two meetings. ATUC members' terms will normally begin on 15 July. Variations to the length of service of any ATUC member may be made at the discretion of the Steering Committee.
- ATUC may have up to one member from the international community whose length of membership lasts for a six month period, three months either side of the meeting which they will be attending

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