

Timeline for Decadal Plan Development

May 3:	NCA/Editorial Board meeting
May 6:	Editorial Board meeting
May 10:	Draft structure of Decadal Plan submitted to NCA
May 17:	Draft structure approved by NCA
May 17:	Draft 'executive summary' submitted to the NCA + community
May 25:	NCA/Editorial Board meeting to discuss feedback on executive summary
May 30:	Executive summary → NCRIS as 'first-pass' short list
June 17:	First draft of Decadal Plan to NCA, community & external stakeholders
June 24:	Deadline for comments on first draft
June 30:	Second draft available for presentation at ASA (July 4-8)
July 15:	Deadline for feedback
July 31:	Final version
Sep 30:	Public release date (with full layout)

Editorial Board Membership

Brian Boyle (Chair)
Charles Jenkins
Elaine Sadler
John Storey
Chris Tinney

Terms of Reference

The Editorial Board is tasked with preparing a draft strategic plan for the Australian astronomical community covering the period 2006-15. The plan will seek to identify opportunities and prioritise requirements with the goal of maximising the benefit to the nation from astronomical research over the coming decade.

The Editorial Board should compile the draft strategic plan primarily based on the Decadal Plan WG reports, seeking further input from the Decadal Plan WG chairs as appropriate.

The Editorial Board is required to adhere to the time line outlined above.

Feedback

The community is invited to provide feedback at any stage of this process via the NCA chair (brian.boyle@csiro.au) or through any member of the NCA.