



Decadal Review

ASA, Brisbane
2004

Background

- NCA has responsibility
- 'Sponsor' is yet to be determined, but we are talking to the ARC and Academy of Science
 - ∴ Terms of reference still to be determined
- A source of funding has not yet been determined; however a float may be forthcoming for the initial work (ASA)

New NCA

- Chair: Brian Boyle *ex officio, ATNF*
- Matthew Bailes
- *Matthew Colless *ex officio, AAO*
- Warrick Couch
- *Mike Dopita
- Anne Green *ex officio, ASA*
- Andrew Melatos
- Penny Sackett *ex officio, RSAA*

* Members of the Academy

Structure of last Review: 1995

- Subcommittees: nearly all members of the community were on a subcommittee
- Citation analysis report (Bourke & Butler)
- 'Survey Subcommittee': demographics of the community
- Plenary meeting of the whole community
Much community involvement and consultation



Terms of Reference: 1995

- To report on current Australian activity
- To examine the quality of Australian astronomical research
- To examine potential developments in astronomical techniques and facilities worldwide
- To suggest a strategy for the development of the discipline, and priorities for funding
- To comment possible Australian roles in space astronomy
- To examine benefits to Australia's industrial base
- To examine how Australia can be most effectively be involved in international astronomy

Strawman Subcommittees

- International Facilities
- Future of the National Facilities
- University-scale Facilities
- Demographics (people)
- Education (public outreach)
- Research:
 - Cosmology and E/G
 - High Energy
 - Galaxy and Magellanic Clouds
 - Stars and ISM
 - Solar System and Planetary
 - Theoretical Astrophysics

Structure

- Website/wiki
- Previous reviews, including PMSEIC on NCA website:

<http://www.science.org>

under National Committees