

## Science & Technology Australia Bench to Boardroom Committee

### Terms of Reference

1. The *STA Bench to Boardroom Committee* supports *Science & Technology Australia* (STA) to develop its ambitions to train Australia's first generation of scientist-entrepreneurs in a training program and network and deepen the representation of STEM experts on governance boards.
2. The Committee is Chaired by a member of the Board and can be co-chaired with another committee member who is not a member of the Board.
3. The Committee reports to the Board of STA. It cannot make decisions on behalf of the Board but it may recommend decisions or courses of action to the Board.
4. The Committee will comprise of no fewer than four and no more than eight members, drawn from and broadly representative of STA membership, with the option to include an independent expert member. The Committee should take into account diversity of gender, culture, language, sexuality, age, dis/ability, geography, discipline and institution type. The President and CEO of STA are additional ex-officio members of this Committee.
5. Membership of the Committee will be for a two-year term, with half the appointments at establishment for a one-year term; at least half the Committee should turn over every calendar year.
6. The Committee will meet as needed. A minimum quorum of 50% of committee members is required for a meeting to proceed.
7. The Committee's role is to:
  - a. Engage with STA's membership to understand the capabilities, expertise and networks in science commercialisation and governance
  - b. Support, advise, and assist STA's Chief Executive Officer, President, and Board to create opportunities to advance these ambitions;
  - c. Provide guidance to STA's Board on strategic issues of science commercialisation training and policy (working with the STEM Sector Policy Committee where appropriate); and
  - d. Convene sections of the STA membership with expertise and interest to contribute to STA's Bench to Boardroom vision and science commercialisation.
8. Committee members are bound by STA's Code of Conduct and policies.

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