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ACOLA is an independent,
not-for-profit organisation
that supports evidence-based
interdisciplinary research.

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Who we are: our vision, mission, values and objectives



Purpose

Advising Australia – advancing discussions on complex issues through trusted, independent, and interdisciplinary evidence-based advice.



Vision

ACOLA aims to be a key source of high-quality, robust, and independent interdisciplinary advice for Australia's decision-makers and the public on complex challenges and issues.

Objectives

Policy

- To deliver evidence-informed interdisciplinary advice to support and guide policy decision-making processes
- To engage and contribute interdisciplinary perspectives to public debate and awareness-raising on emerging national and regional issues
- To promote an appreciation within the community and among decision-makers of the value that interdisciplinary research and scholarship provides as an evidence-base for public policy

Research

- Engaging disciplinary experts to advance research and scholarship
- Promoting the application of interdisciplinary expert knowledge
- Declaring and disseminating interdisciplinary expert knowledge
- Advocating standards of research and scholarship to encourage excellence

Development

- To collaborate with the Learned Academies, professional institutes, other Learned societies and educational institutions in matters of mutual interests; and
- To establish and maintain cooperative relations between the Company and overseas bodies having similar objectives in the disciplines represented by the Company's members



Mission

To provide a forum that brings great minds, broad perspectives, and knowledge together to help solve complex societal issues for the benefit of Australia's social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing.



Values

Integrity, rigor, transparency, inclusiveness, creativity, collaboration and interdisciplinarity.

Strategic statement

The scale and complexity of the challenges facing communities across the world, especially in 2020, call for fresh thinking and new approaches if our legacy is to secure a better world for future generations. ACOLA's aim is to advance discussions on complex issues through trusted, independent, and interdisciplinary evidence-based advice to solve real world problems.

ACOLA is exceptionally well-positioned to contribute to enabling this ambition. As the body that brings together over 3,000 academic and industry experts from ACOLA's member academies of: Science, the Humanities, Social Science, Health and Medical Sciences, and Technology and Engineering, ACOLA is uniquely placed to enable interdisciplinary solutions to complex global problems and national needs.

ACOLA's interdisciplinary approach sets it apart from other research and policy organisations in this country. The approach is founded in our independence and recognition that the complexity of the challenges facing contemporary society will be most effectively addressed by bringing together specialist expertise from across domains, which are more than 'the sum of the parts'. We must continue to invest in interdisciplinary expertise and advice, and ensure its value is understood.

With research programs including the Securing Australia's Future series and more recently the Horizon Scanning series, ACOLA has nearly five decades of demonstrated experience as a trusted and influential source of expert advice for governments, industry and the public.

Chair's Report

Welcome to the 2020 ACOLA Annual report, it is always a pleasure for each of the Presidents of the Learned Academies to chair ACOLA during their tenure. This has been a particularly successful year for ACOLA in supporting and building the organisation, despite a year of significant and unprecedented events.

Bushfires, storms, a global pandemic, and a global recession have significantly impacted our operating environment and that of our members and funding partners. However, through these events, we have reaffirmed our and the Learned Academies' ability to mobilise our expertise to the needs of Australia.

In 2020, there has been a no more significant time in modern history that the research community, ACOLA and the Learned Academies have come to the service of the nation. In addition to continuing our commissioned deep-thinking advice for the Australian Government under our Horizon Scanning series, we have pivoted to the needs of society with great speed and agility. This is a testament to the skill, commitment, and professionalism of ACOLA's member academies, their Fellows, and the ACOLA staff.

Indeed, this year has been one of our busiest years. In addition to work occurring on five studies for governments, ACOLA supported the Australian Chief Scientist's Rapid Research Information Forum, which published 12 timely and focussed briefs on COVID-related policy issues, and supported various inquiries and parliamentary requests.

With five decades of experience, we are well-positioned to continue to convene, harness and translate evidence and expert opinion from across our members' over 3,000 Fellows; spanning industry, government and academia. I look forward to ACOLA continuing to foster and mobilise this capability for the nation over the coming years, solidifying

its role as a key source of high-quality, robust, and independent interdisciplinary advice for Australia's decision-makers and the public on complex challenges and issues.

I would like to thank the National Science and Technology Council, the Australian Chief Scientist and Australian Government departments for their ongoing support and commitment to ACOLA. We could not achieve all we do without the partnerships we have forged, who collectively see the value of interdisciplinary advice and evidence in guiding decisions on Australia's future.

Special thanks must go to the Presidents of all the Learned Academies. They make essential contributions to ACOLA and join me on its Board. I also note that following many years of involvement in ACOLA activities, including our Research Committee, the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (AAHMS) officially joined ACOLA as an associate member in early 2020. Our five member academies ensure a genuinely interdisciplinary perspective to our advice and engagement with governments and the public.

Finally, I would like to thank the ACOLA management team and research and policy staff for their commitment and professionalism throughout this challenging year, without whom ACOLA's members could not become great than the sum of its parts and deliver our high-quality advice.



Professor Joy Damousi FASSA FAHA
Chair, Board of Directors
ACOLA

CEO's Report

It is my pleasure to present ACOLA's 2020 Annual Report. 2019-20 has been a challenging operating environment for everyone, personally and in business, with a global pandemic and devastating bushfires. Through the extensive involvement of our member Academies and our productive relationships with Australia's Chief Scientist and government departments, along with my committed and professional staff, we have overcome this and harnessed our small resources to have significant outputs and impact of national and international significance. To all of you, my deepest thanks.

Since joining ACOLA in September 2019, I have been very pleased by our accomplishments. This report provides an overview of the breadth of our work, which, in brief, has involved:

- delivering a significant program of studies to inform governments' policy
- refocusing our strategic objectives
- enhancing our external engagement
- developing new partnerships and relationships across Australia, and
- providing critical briefings to parliamentarians, government inquiries, and departmental officials to inform future policy, including in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notably, during this period, ACOLA released its report on The effective and ethical development of artificial intelligence. Exemplifying the critical role ACOLA plays in the policy landscape, this work for the National Science and Technology Council, commissioned by Australia's Chief Scientist, has gone on to underpin and inform numerous government initiatives and activities.

Importantly, this year we have seen deepening engagement between ACOLA and its members and our key government stakeholders, including through new methods and enhanced communications and an enhanced presence in Canberra. We have also further developed our public presence to raise awareness of the role, objectives and outputs of ACOLA. This is critical for our work to have maximum benefit and to ensure we are responding to current and emerging policy priorities.

Lastly, ACOLA is grateful and recognises that many of its successes are as a result of the special contributions and support of Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel AO FAA FTSE FAHMS; Academy Fellows; the Department of Education Skills and Employment; and, our project sponsors throughout this year. These relationships have allowed ACOLA to extend its interdisciplinary role and leadership into new areas.

I look forward to ACOLA further growing and prospering over the coming years.



Ryan Winn
CEO
ACOLA

ACOLA's Members

Bridging the disciplines for informed public policy

Australia's four Learned Academies are the founding members of the Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA). Each academy holds this formal recognition through identification under the Australian Government's Higher Education Support Act (HESA).

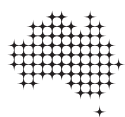
ACOLA's Associate Member participates in our projects and activities, with Fellows receiving invitations to contribute or participate in our expert working groups and expert discussions on issues.

ACOLA partners with other appropriate organisations for specific projects.

Australia's Learned Academies



Associate Member



Australian
Academy of Health and
Medical Sciences

Partners in Horizon Scanning studies



Charity status

ACOLA is an established Australian Research Institute as approved by the Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment; is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC); and holds Deductible Gift Recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office.



Governance Structure



The ACOLA Team

Management



Mr Ryan Winn

Chief Executive Officer
(from September 2019)



Dr Lauren Palmer

Director, Policy and Projects
Interim CEO (October 2018
to September 2019)



Fiona Clothier

Business Manager and
Company Secretary

Research and support staff

Dr Fern Beavis

Senior Research and Policy Officer
(Regional Research Excellence and Energy Transition)

Stephanie Chan

Senior Research and Policy Officer
(Internet of Things)

Dr Emily Finch

Senior Research and Policy Officer
(Regional Research Excellence)

Illona Harvey

Business Support Officer

Dr Michelle Low

Research and Policy Officer
(Stimulating Research)

Ella Relf

Research Officer (Internet of Things)

Michelle Steeper

Research and Policy Officer (Agriculture)

How We Work

ACOLA is unique in Australia in providing trusted, independent, interdisciplinary and publicly available research-based advice to governments. Importantly, ACOLA can access, assess and synthesise world-class academic and interdisciplinary research thinking into peer-reviewed advice for policymakers and the wider public on some of Australia's biggest future challenges.



Issue identification

ACOLA works in close partnership with government and decision-makers to identify and scope issues. This can involve formal and informal discussion, including workshops with Fellows, to identify and refine the scope of activities and studies.



Convening experts

ACOLA convenes an Expert Working Group (EWG), consisting of Fellows from across the Learned Academies and member academies, and other experts. This ensures a broad interdisciplinary focus to comprehensively address technological, social, cultural and economic aspects.

Once the project scope and parameters are agreed with project sponsors, the EWG identifies the research and analysis contributions needed to address the project's key issues. This can include: in house research, input from leading Australian and international experts, and consultation with government, industry and community stakeholders.



Consultation, data collection and analysis

The next, and substantive, stage of studies involves the collection, collation and evaluation of all the input and evidence received. This includes assessing the breadth, depth and potentially contradictory information. A focus and priority is placed on robust peer-reviewed and authoritative research evidence. This stage usually involves a workshop involving project sponsors to synthesise and identify key findings. A final draft report concludes this stage.



Peer review



Finalise report



Sponsor briefings



Release and post study activities

The draft report undergoes an independent peer-review process, to ensure its findings are evidence-based, accurate and independent. Peer reviewers are typically Fellows from the Learned Academies but can involve appropriate industry experts. Peer reviewers are not asked to endorse the report's conclusions or findings, nor do they view the final report before its release finalise the report.

ACOLA works with the EWG and ACOLA Board to consider feedback from peer reviewers and project sponsors to finalise the report. Once the report is agreed, final production work is undertaken, e.g. design, final copy-editing, and printing etc.

Prior to release, ACOLA works with project sponsors to provide briefings to key Ministers, executives, decision-makers and other key stakeholders on the report as appropriate.

Post-release activities are a key value proposition for project sponsors. As reports are undertaken in partnership, ACOLA works with sponsors to explore appropriate opportunities to promulgate reports with key stakeholders and the wider public, e.g. through briefings, social and traditional media and panel sessions.

Year in Review

Completed Projects

Horizon Scanning Report

*The effective and ethical development of artificial intelligence (AI):
An opportunity to improve our wellbeing*

<https://acola.org/hs4-artificial-intelligence-australia/>

Date released: 29 July 2019



Aims

- Examine the transformative role that artificial intelligence may play in different sectors of the economy, including the opportunities, risks and challenges that advancement presents.
- Examine the ethical, legal and social considerations and frameworks required to enable and support broad development and uptake of artificial intelligence.
- Assess the future education, skills and infrastructure requirements to manage workforce transition and support thriving and internationally competitive artificial intelligence industries.

Key findings (Summary)

1. AI offers major opportunities to improve our economic, societal and environmental wellbeing, while also presenting potentially significant global risks, including technological unemployment and the use of lethal autonomous weapons. Further development of AI must be directed to allow well-considered implementation that supports our society in becoming what we would like it to be – one centred on improving prosperity, reducing inequity and achieving continued betterment.
2. Proactive engagement, consultation and ongoing communication with the public about the changes and effects of AI will be essential for building community awareness. Earning public trust will be critical to enable acceptance and uptake of the technology.



3. The application of AI is growing rapidly. Ensuring its continued safe and appropriate development will be dependent on strong governance and a responsive regulatory system that encourages innovation. It will also be important to engender public confidence that the goods and services driven by AI are at, or above, benchmark standards and preserve the values that society seeks.
4. AI is enabled by access to data. To support successful implementation of AI, there is a need for effective digital infrastructure, including data centres and structures for data sharing, that makes AI secure, trusted and accessible, particularly for rural and remote populations. If such essential infrastructure is not carefully and appropriately developed, the advancement of AI and the immense benefits it offers will be diminished.
5. Successful development and implementation of AI will require a broad range of new skills and enhanced capabilities that span the humanities, arts and social sciences (HASS) and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Building a talent base and establishing an adaptable and skilled workforce for the future will need education programs that start in early childhood and continue throughout working life and a supportive immigration policy.
6. An independently led AI body that brings stakeholders together from government, academia and the public and private sectors would provide a critical mass of skills and institutional leadership to develop AI technologies, as well as promote engagement with international initiatives and to develop appropriate ethical frameworks.

Funding agencies: Australian Government
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science;
and Australian Research Council (CS170100008).

Projects Underway



Horizon Scanning Report

Future of Agricultural Technologies

<https://acola.org/hs6-future-agricultural-technologies/>

Expected release: September 2020 (extended)

Focus: This study will examine the impacts, opportunities and challenges associated with around ten highly prospective technologies likely to impact agriculture over the next ten years, and consider how Australian agriculture is positioned to meet them. It will include a detailed overview and analysis of the scientific, technical, financial, regulatory, ethical and social impacts that next generation agricultural technologies may exert on Australia in the coming decade. At its conclusion, this project will deliver an independent, interdisciplinary peer-reviewed report to inform policy considerations and decision making by the NSTC, relevant government departments, communities, academia and industry.

Note: The release of this report was postponed to September 2020, following the 2019–20 Australian Bushfires and the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Horizon Scanning Report

The Internet of Things (IoT)

<https://acola.org/hs5-internet-of-things-australia/>

Expected release: November 2020 (extended)

Focus: This study will examine current and future IoT applications in cities and regions, including public service delivery, healthcare, transport, advanced manufacturing, freight and logistics and the creative industries. As with all Horizon Scanning reports, it takes an interdisciplinary approach to assess opportunities and challenges, presenting a balanced and considered approach by government, industry and community to maximise the IoT opportunity for Australia's economy, while safeguarding citizen rights.

Note: The release of this report was postponed to November 2020, following the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Victorian Government

Stimulating the science and research ecosystem creates jobs and investment

<https://acola.org/stimulating-science-research-ecosystem/>

Expected release: July 2020

Focus: This study seeks to explore the importance of research and research infrastructure and its economic impact to Victoria.

Australian Energy Research Transition Plan (Research Plan)

<https://acola.org/energy-transition-research-plan/>

Expected release: Ongoing with annual reporting

Focus: This project seeks to create a comprehensive Research Plan that can be used by academics, industry and government to better understand research efforts and investment to support Australia's transition towards net zero emissions. The Research Plan will establish a baseline by identifying current energy transition research, and highlighting potential gaps or opportunities in the research landscape (including data), so that ongoing efforts and investment continues to be targeted, useful and strategic. The Research Plan will be refreshed annually.



Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Enhancing the research capabilities of universities in regional, rural and remote areas

<https://acola.org/australias-regional-rural-remote-universities/>

Expected release: TBC

Focus: This study will seek to work with the regional, rural and remote (RRR) research sector to better understand the opportunities and barriers to improving research potential and outcomes at universities in RRR areas. The project forms a component of the department's focus on broader tertiary education outcomes and enhancing RRR communities.

Note: Final release date not yet confirmed.

Other Activities

ACOLA was involved in the establishment, and continues to support, the Australian Chief Scientist's Rapid Research Information Forum (RRIF).

<https://www.chiefscientist.gov.au/RRIF>

Workplan for 2020–2021



Visibility through strong communications, engagement, and outreach

Clear communication of ACOLA's value proposition, project processes, its activities and alignment to activities across society continues to be a priority. This includes working closely with governments to understand their urgent information and evidence needs to support their planning for social, cultural and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACOLA will invest in its communications capability and capacity, particularly to build awareness of the organisation and support the needs of stakeholders through access to independent and robust advice and understand the value of interdisciplinary advice. Key activities will include:

- enhancing ACOLA's approach to external engagement, through a focussed communications and engagement plan
- ensuring an active social media presence
- be a trusted adviser and broker for expertise and experts on policy issues, and
- deliver workshops and briefings for key stakeholder groups.

Building and maintaining relationships developed through past and existing projects will be important, especially with Ministers' offices and senior bureaucrats, to ensure and expand ACOLA's impact.

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A key trusted adviser and thought leader on complex issues

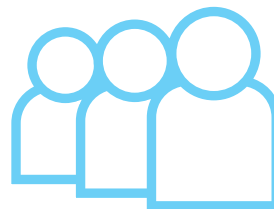
ACOLA has a well-established track record in providing timely and interdisciplinary evidence-based expert advice to inform public policy development. ACOLA will work to continue to develop further and reinforce its role as a partner of choice for governments in robust, independent, interdisciplinary advice.

ACOLA will work with the ACOLA Board, the Australian Chief Scientist and other stakeholders to identify priority issues that require a robust interdisciplinary perspective. This will likely range from sourcing and collating information, to workshops, to short sharp papers and finally robust detailed studies.

As at July 2020, ACOLA has completed four Horizon Scanning studies with a further two due to be released shortly. Two projects for other sponsors are expected to be released in the first quarter of the 2020-21 financial years.

In June 2020, ACOLA commenced work to develop a research plan for Australia's energy transition with the first high-level plan anticipated to be delivered in June 2021, subject to funding from other partners. This work will showcase ACOLA's ability to be a thought leader in the future of energy in Australia.

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Robust partnerships across the research community, domestically and internationally

In the challenging environment presented by COVID-19, ACOLA will continue to build and reinforce partnerships to identify and deliver projects and show leadership.

ACOLA often receives requests to partner or seek membership and engagement from other Australian and international academies and organisations. These will be explored to determine the value to ACOLA.

Continuing to strengthen partnerships with ACOLA members, both the learned academies and associate member, will be critical to its success. ACOLA also values its engagement and productive relationship with the Royal Society Te Apārangi in New Zealand.

Finally, ACOLA will continue to engage and develop relationships to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers and knowledges are incorporated into ACOLA activities and studies.

Board of Directors



Professor Joy Damousi FASSA FAHA (2020 Chair of the Board)
President, Australian Academy of the Humanities

Joy is Professor of History and ARC Kathleen Fitzpatrick Laureate Fellow at the University of Melbourne. She has published widely on aspects of political history, women's history, the aftermaths of war, and the history of migration and refugees. Her current research is on a history of child refugees and Australian internationalism during the twentieth century. She is currently the President of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and President of the Australian Historical Association.



Professor Hugh Bradlow FTSE (2019 Chair of the Board)
President, Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering

Hugh is President of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering. He is also an independent Non-Executive Director of Silicon Quantum Computing Pty Ltd.

He is globally recognised as a thought leader in telecommunications and was elected as the joint 2009 Australian Telecommunications Ambassador of the Year, named by Global Telecom Business as one of the most 100 most influential telecommunications executives in the world and Smart Company designated him as one of the 12 most influential people in Australian ICT.



Professor Jane Hall FASSA
President, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

Jane is Distinguished Professor of Health Economics and Director, Strategy in the Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation at the University of Technology Sydney. She established the Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation (CHERE) in 1990 and served as Director until 2012.



Professor John Shine AC PresAA
President, Australian Academy of Science

John was Executive Director of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research from 1990 to 2011. He is Professor of Molecular Biology and Professor of Medicine at UNSW Sydney. The ‘father of gene cloning’, Professor Shine was the first to clone human hormone genes and the first to sequence the replication of a cancer-causing virus.



Mr Ryan Winn
Chief Executive Officer, ACOLA (From September 2019)

Ryan brings nearly two decades of experience leading strategy policy, research and program areas across various Australian Government departments to ACOLA. During that time, his broad areas of focus were higher education, research, research infrastructure, family violence and early childhood. He also had significant experience working on policies and programs that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Ryan has a Masters of Business Administration (Innovation and Leadership) from the University of Canberra and a Bachelor of Social Work from Curtin University.



Dr Lauren Palmer
Interim Chief Executive Officer, ACOLA (October 2018 to September 2019)

Lauren has been with ACOLA since 2016 and leads the organisation in delivering its strategic objectives, including identifying ways to better harness the perspectives of all disciplines to address complex issues facing society. Lauren has a strong history of working for non-government organisations in the public policy industry, most recently in directing interdisciplinary projects and contributing interdisciplinary perspectives to public debate on emerging national and regional issues. She is highly proficient in leading and managing interdisciplinary policy teams to undertake research and analysis, synthesise large amounts of complex information and prepare authoritative documents and reports. Lauren completed her PhD in Chemistry from University of Melbourne and has published on science, technology and innovation policy.

Research Committee

Professor Joy Damousi FASSA FAHA (Chair from January 2020)

Professor Hugh Bradlow FTSE (Chair to December 2019)

Professor Jane Hall FASSA

Professor John Shine AC PresAA

Professor Ian Frazer AC FRS FAA (to October 2019)

Professor Ingrid Scheffer AO FAHMS FAA (from October 2019)

Audit, Risk and Finance Committee

Professor Jane Hall FASSA (Chair from January 2020)

Professor Joy Damousi FASSA FAHA (Chair to December 2019)

Kylie Walker, CEO, Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (from October 2019)

Dr Margaret Hartley, CEO, Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (to October 2019)

Anna-Maria Arabia, CEO, Australia Academy of Science

Dr Tina Parolin, Executive Director, Australian Academy of the Humanities

Dr Chris Hatherly, CEO, Academy of the Social Science in Australia

Auditor

Moore Stephens Australia

Expert Panel Members

Horizon Scanning Series

The effective and ethical development of artificial intelligence: An opportunity to improve our wellbeing

Professor Toby Walsh FAA (Co-chair)

Professor Neil Levy FAHA (Co-chair)

Professor Genevieve Bell FTSE

Professor Anthony Elliott FASSA

Professor Iven Mareels FTSE

Professor Fiona Wood AM FAHMS

Professor James Maclaurin, New Zealand Royal Society Te Apārangi

Future of Agricultural Technologies

Professor Stewart Lockie FASSA (Chair from Sept 2019)

Dr Kate Fairley-Grenot FTSE (Chair to Sept 2019)

Professor Rachel Ankeny

Professor Elspeth Probyn FAHA FASSA

Professor Tania Sorrell AM FAHMS

Professor Barbara Howlett FAA

Professor Alex McBratney FAA

Professor Salah Sukkarieh FTSE

Professor Linda Botterill FASSA

Professor Ian Woodhead, New Zealand Royal Society Te Apārangi

The Internet of Things (IoT)

Professor Bronwyn Fox FTSE (Chair)

Professor Gerard Goggin FAHA

Professor Deborah Lupton FASSA

Professor Branka Vucetic FAA FTSE

Professor Paul Scuffham FAHMS

Professor Holger Regenbrecht, New Zealand Royal Society Te Apārangi

Other studies

Enhancing the research capabilities of universities in regional, rural and remote areas

Professor Annabelle Duncan FTSE (Chair)

Professor Alan Andersen FAA

Professor Alex Brown FAHMS

Professor Stewart Lockie FASSA

Professor Helene Marsh FTSE

Professor Lesley Rogers FAA

Professor Sean Ulm FAHA

Stimulating the science and research ecosystem creates jobs and investment

Professor Joy Damousi FASSA FAHA

Professor Ian Chubb AC FAA FTSE

Dr Erol Harvey FTSE

Professor Elizabeth Webster FASSA

Dr John Bell FTSE

Professor Ian Harper AO FASSA

Dr Susan Pond AM FTSE FAHMS

Australian Energy Transition Research Plan

Mr Drew Clarke AO PSM FTSE

Professor Kenneth Baldwin

Professor Fran Baum AO FAHMS FASSA

Dr Bruce Godfrey FTSE

Emeritus Professor Sue Richardson AM FASSA

Emeritus Professor Libby Robin FAHA

Legislative & Contractual Compliance

For the report period, ACOLA is up to date in its compliance with the provisions of relevant Federal corporate and tax legislation, as well as State legislation. All commercial contractual obligations are also up to date.

Authority	Compliance required	Status
CORPORATE		
ASIC	Company Registration	May 2018
	Company Officers	Current June 2020
ACNC	Company charity registration	May 2018
	Responsible/Authorised Person	Current June 2020
	Annual Information Statement	Due 31 Jan 2021
Australian Business Register	ABN 18 625 939 540	Active since 18.05.18
	DGR Status	Active since 26.06.18
	Associates	Current June 2020
OPERATIONAL		
Australian Taxation Office	Tax File Number	Active since 22.05.18
	GST Registration	Active since 18.05.18
	PAYG Registration	Active since 01.08.18
	Business Activity Statements	Current June 2020
EMPLOYER		
Workers Compensation	Registration – VIC	Active since 31.12.10
	Registration – ACT	Active since 31.10.19
	Registration – WA	Active since 18.05.20
Superannuation	Registration	Active since 01.11.10
	Super employment contributions	Current June 2020
GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
Commonwealth Government Funding Requirements	Directors & Officers Insurance	Active since 21.02.11
	Public Liability Insurance	Active since 21.02.11
	HESA-HERP Activity Report	2019 accepted 2020 due Nov 2020
ARC Funding Requirements	End of year report	April 2020, Accepted
	Final report	Projects not complete
Other Project Funding	Milestone completion	Complete as due

Australian Council of Learned Academies

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The formal collaboration of Australia’s Learned Academies has spanned five decades. More recently, in 1996, the four Learned Academies established a not-for-profit unincorporated association the *National Academies Forum* “NAF” to enable a platform to deliver interdisciplinary symposia, forums, published reports and a book on matters of national importance. Later, this structure was more formally developed into the *Australian Council of Learned Academies* (ABN 70 116 968 853) and its Secretariat (ABN 40 143 536 805).

In 2019, ACOLA consolidated this governance structure to the single entity, *Australian Council of Learned Academies Limited* (ABN 18 625 939 540) “ACOLA”.



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