

TERMS OF REFERENCE
for the
REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR BIOENGINEERING AND
NANOTECHNOLOGY

The terms of reference for reviews of University Institutes should be read in the context of the University's mission, goals and objectives.

The terms of reference provide the opportunity for analysis of the Institute's performance since the previous review and its plans to meet future performance targets, using national and international benchmarking.

The general terms of reference include the following:

1. to review the purpose, goals and priorities of the Institute and to assess whether those goals are appropriate in relation to the University's strategic aims;
2. to review the scope, focus and balance of the Institute's activities in the light of trends in the fields and the performance of comparable institutes elsewhere;
3. to review the role of the Institute in the University;
4. to review the appropriateness of the Institute's governance and management;
5. to evaluate the research performance of the Institute, including its success in attracting external funds; the extent, quality and impact of its publications; its impact on industry; success in attracting and training research students and success in attracting overseas researchers and visitors;
6. to consider the resources available to the Institute for implementation of current programs and proposed developments and the efficiency and effectiveness of the Institute's use of those resources; to comment on the Institute's accommodation and facilities; and to evaluate the potential of the Institute to attract additional external resources;
7. to review the quality and extent of the Institute's involvement in teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels;
8. to consider the present and future relationships of teaching and research programs between the Institute and other centres and schools in the University;
9. to review the organisational structure of the Institute in the context of its research and other functions and to consider whether its internal administration, support structures and staffing arrangements will serve the Institute and the University adequately in the future;
10. to review the role played by the Institute in relation to its relevant industries and in service to the profession and the community; and
11. to consider the performance of the Institute in equity issues and the procedures to maintain or enhance it.