

ACDICT Engagement Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this ACDICT Engagement Policy is to provide a rationale for active engagement between ACDICT (represented by the ACDICT Executive in this policy) and stakeholders

Drivers

The Mission and Objectives of the ACDICT Constitution are the primary drivers for engagement with stakeholders (http://acdikt.edu.au/documents/Constitution2011_000.pdf), as well as any Council Plans made in accordance with the Constitution.

Mission

To promote and advance ICT education, research and scholarship on behalf of Australian universities

Objectives

The stakeholders identified in the Constitution are:

- Universities
- Governments
- Industry, ACS, AIIA, ACPHIS, CORE, EA and other relevant bodies
- Professional bodies
- School students
- The community in general
- Related organisations both within Australia and overseas

Council Plans

Action Plans, such as the ACDICT Skills Action Plan (http://acdikt.edu.au/documents/ACDICTskillsActionPlan300613_000.pdf) are formulated and implemented in response to topical national and international issues of importance.

Extended Stakeholders

In addition to the stakeholders given in the Constitution, several others have been identified as a result of activities since ACDICT inception and in implementing the ACDICT Action Plan.

‘Schools’ include school students, teachers of ICT and related disciplines, and career advisors.

‘Professional Bodies’ include a wide range of associations and groups such as primary and secondary teacher associations, Australian Council for Computers in Education (ACCE), Education Services Australia (ESA), Science and Technology Australia (STA) and Digital Careers.

'Universities' include ACDICT member universities and their VCs, and various Councils of Deans of other disciplines such as the Australian Council of Engineering Deans (ACED), Australian Council of Deans of Science (ACDS), Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) and Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE)

'Government' includes organisations such as the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and the Australian Government Department of Industry, and State Governments.

'Industry' includes the Australian Computer Society Foundation (ASCF) and the Australian Industry Group (AIG).

Engagement Policy

In keeping with the Drivers outlined, the ACDICT Executive will engage with the stakeholders in a timely, appropriate, proactive and responsive manner. Engagement management and strategies include letters, media (including social media), meetings, submissions and participation in working groups or forums.

The nature of the engagement by ACDICT with stakeholders will depend on the issues and context at the time. As the elected representatives of the Council, the ACDICT Executive will exercise judgment on the nature of the engagement to deliver optimal outcomes for the members.

Each ACDICT Executive Member should routinely monitor the environment and alert the Executive to issues requiring attention.

Policy versions and review

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