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## Terms of Reference

### Science Teachers Association of NSW 7-10 syllabus working group

#### Background

The New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) has recently released a new NSW 7-10 Science Syllabus, set for planning over the 2024-2025 period and implementation in 2026. In response, the Science Teachers Association of NSW (STANSW) is establishing a Syllabus Working Group dedicated to supporting this transition. STANSW, as a cornerstone of science education in NSW, aims to facilitate excellence in teaching and learning through the development of comprehensive resources and support systems for educators.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Syllabus Working Group is to lead the development and dissemination of resources, training materials, and support mechanisms for teachers adapting to the new NSW 7-10 Science Syllabus. This group will serve as a central hub for expertise, collaboration, and guidance, ensuring a smooth and effective implementation process across NSW schools.

#### Membership

The Syllabus Working Group will consist of teachers, educators, curriculum experts, and other stakeholders with relevant experience and expertise in science education, curriculum development, and teacher support. Members will be selected through a nomination process and expressions of interest, with an emphasis on diversity in experience, background, and educational contexts.

Membership in the Syllabus Working Group will be for a term of two years, subject to renewal based on the needs of the syllabus implementation process and mutual agreement. Meetings will be held on a needs basis. We expect there will be between 2 – 4 meetings per term. The group will establish their meeting schedule collaboratively depending on the availability of members.

#### Responsibilities

The Syllabus Working Group will:

- Review and collate existing science teaching resources, such as scope & sequence, lesson plans, programs

- Collaborate with educational authorities, schools, and other stakeholders to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive implementation strategy.
- Contribute to professional development sessions, workshops, and seminars to equip teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary for the new syllabus.
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation process, providing feedback and recommendations for continuous improvement.
- Potentially develop and refine educational resources aligned with the new syllabus, ensuring they meet the diverse needs of teachers and students across NSW.

Members of the Syllabus Working Group will not possess inherent authority but may be granted specific negotiation or advocacy roles with the agreement of the STANSW Executive.

#### Conflict of interest

Members must disclose any actual or perceived conflicts of interest that might affect their ability to provide impartial advice or fulfill their responsibilities. Such conflicts will be managed in accordance with STANSW policies to ensure the integrity and effectiveness of the Working Group's activities.

#### Volunteer agreement

A Working Group membership is a volunteer position in the Association, members will be required to adhere to the terms in the STANSW Volunteer Policy and complete the Volunteer Agreement: [Volunteer Policy.docx](#)

#### Review

These terms of reference will be reviewed every two years by the STANSW Executive Committee.