

# The OPTIMA Industry Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The purpose of the Industry Advisory Committee is to provide specialist and independent guidance to the Centre Executive Committee, including on strategic matters and oversight of the Centre's ongoing activities, particularly how the teaching component of the Activities could more effectively align with industry needs. The OPTIMA Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) must be run in accordance with the requirements laid out in the Participants Agreement as outlined below. This Committee will meet at least once per year, either in person or via teleconference, in a time slot that complies with OPTIMA's equity, diversity and inclusion policy, if practicable, given the time zone constraints of international members.

The Committee's composition is reviewed annually by the OPTIMA Executive Committee, and members may be retired or recruited according to perceived need.

1) Industry Advisory Committee terms of reference, as laid out in the Participants Agreement

#### 2) Industry Advisory Committee

- i) The Parties agree to establish an Industry Advisory Committee as soon as practicable after the Commencement Date, the initial members of which will be:
  - (1) one representative of each Other Eligible Organisation who is a Specified Personnel in respect of such Eligible Organisation
  - (2) at least five appropriately qualified independent industry representatives with optimisation or related expertise as selected by the Training Centre Executive Committee; and.
  - (3) the Training Centre Director.
- ii) For the first Year of the Term, the chair of the Industry Advisory Committee will be the Training Centre Director. Any subsequent chair shall be appointed by majority agreement at a meeting of the Industry Advisory Committee.
- iii) The secretarial function of the Industry Advisory Committee may be delegated to a nominated member or the Training Centre Manager.
- iv) The Industry Advisory Committee must:
  - (1) provide specialist and independent guidance to the Training Centre Executive Committee and the Scientific Advisory Committee, including on strategic matters and in relation to oversight of the ongoing activities of the Training Centre, and to ensure the research component of the Activities align with industry needs and create innovative and transformative solutions for industry.
  - (2) meet in person (or be technological means if strictly necessary) at least once per year to formulate and provide its specialist input to the Training Centre Executive Committee through the Training Centre Director, or at such other intervals as may be agreed in writing by the Parties from time to time; and
  - (3) act in a manner based on transparency, accountability, and responsibility.



- v) Any member may call for an ad hoc meeting of the Industry Advisory Committee by written notice to the chair of the Industry Advisory Committee.
- vi) The Industry Advisory Committee does not have any authority or power to act for, or to create or assume any responsibility or obligation on behalf of, or to waive or modify the rights of, any Party. For the avoidance of doubt, the Industry Advisory Committee does not have the power to alter any provision of this Agreement or any Project Agreement.

## 3) Additional terms agreed upon by the Industry Advisory Committee

- a) The roles and responsibilities of the IAC are as follows:
  - (i) To comply with the IAC terms of reference, as laid out in the Participants Agreement (section one).
  - (ii) To review and provide advice on how the teaching component of the Activities could more effectively align with industry needs.
  - (iii) To review and advise on the research directions and progress of OPTIMA.
  - (iv) To bring attention to the OPTIMA Executive Committee any aspect of concern regarding the Centre.
  - (v) Advise on opportunities to raise OPTIMA profile, including through advocacy where appropriate.
  - (vi) To actively participate in IAC meetings and related activities.

### 4) Standing items

i) Provide advice to the OPTIMA Executive Committee on industry engagement

#### 5) Membership Oct 2022 – Oct 2023

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Role	Name	Centre/University
Centre Director,	Kate Smith-Miles	OPTIMA-University of Melbourne
Chair		
Centre Deputy	Peter Stuckey	OPTIMA-Monash University
Director		
Member	Iven Mareels	IBM
Member	Bronwyn Fox	CSIRO
Member	Francis Norman	Decommissioning Australia
Member	Simon Bowly	Gurobi
Member	Leonie Walsh	C4NET
Member	Micheal Brear	Melbourne Energy Institute
Member	Heather St John	Innovation and Enterprise at University
		of Melbourne
Member	Simon Dunstall	CSIRO
Member	Evan Shellshear	Biarri
Member	Len Sciacca	Defence Technologies Electrical and
		Electronic Engineering at University of
		Melbourne
Secretariat,	Charlotte Hurry	OPTIMA
Centre Manager		



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