

# **NeCTAR Project: Virtual Hazard Impact and Risk Laboratory**

Steering Committee “Terms of Reference”, DRAFT, April 2014

## ***Preamble***

*The Virtual Hazard Impact and Risk Laboratory (VHIRL) is a scientific workflow portal that provides natural hazard researchers with access to an integrated environment that exploits eResearch tools and Cloud computing technology. VHIRL is a collaboration between CSIRO, Nectar, Geoscience Australia (GA), University of Queensland, Australian National University, Bureau of Meteorology and the National Computational Infrastructure (NCI), and has been funded by the Federal Government’s Education Investment Funds through NeCTAR.*

## ***Role***

The Steering Committee will provide an advisory role to the Project Lead and review progress and milestone delivery. Members will assist in promoting the project, coordinate requirement input from their respective communities to the Project and table at Committee meetings

Members should highlight to the Project Lead any related work that affects, influences or could benefit from the efforts on the VHIRL.

## ***Terms of Reference***

- Oversee performance of the project, review progress, endorse milestones
- ensure that the project is focused throughout its lifecycle and ensure appropriate project resourcing is provided by each collaborative partner
- Oversee that the 'user' needs of the solution are met and that they integrate with the broader Natural Hazards Research Community
- Bring opportunities for further usage of the VHIRL to committee meetings
- Advise on future work and assist in issue resolution
- Signs off on Project’s major milestones and quarterly reports prior to submission to NeCTAR

## ***Membership***

- Project Committee Chair – Lesley Wyborn
- Ryan Fraser - Project Lead (CSIRO)
- Alan Dormer – CSIRO
- Jane Sexton – Geoscience Australia
- Stewart Allen – BoM
- Ben Evans – NCI
- Tom Baldock – UQ

## ***Optional/Observer***

- Nigel Ward (or alternative) Deputy Director Nectar
- Lutz Gross (UQ)
- Phil Cummins – ANU

## ***Decision making***

Advice provided to the Project Leader, PL to act on advice given

## ***Schedule***

At least every 2 months (aligning with major milestone delivery dates), via teleconference, the expected duration of meetings will be 1 hour. Additional meetings may be called to address specific important issues. The SC will meet at least till the Project closure late 2014.