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Position Description – College of Biomedical Engineering (CBME) Policy & Advocacy Working Group

Role title	CBME Policy & Advocacy Working Group - Member
Role description	<p>As a member of the CBME Policy & Advocacy (P&A) Working Group, your role is to contribute to the activities of the Working Group, enabling the CBME to articulate a position, through EA, on the various public consultations which arise that are relevant to the biomedical engineering community.</p> <p>This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• providing subject matter expertise, experienced professional perspectives and awareness of local issues to the P&A Working Group• periodic (monthly) scanning the wider community to determine whether other public consultations exist that should be responded to• garnering input (supporting data and/or contributions) for public consultations from the wider biomedical engineering community (through College communication channels)• identifying key issues that require advocacy for which no public consultation notice has been issued• working under the direction and coordination of the P&A Working Group Chair• assisting in the preparation and reporting of CBME position statements.
Role impact	<p>Engineers Australia (EA) is the peak body for Engineering in Australia and has a responsibility to advocate in the public interest regarding informed and sensible policy making in its areas of expertise and competency.</p> <p>The CBME is the most able arm of EA to provide this advocacy with respect to content of a biomedical nature.</p> <p>The work of policy and advocacy enhances the value of the whole biomedical engineering community (EA members and non-members alike), and is paramount to EA's mission to advance society through great engineering.</p>
Responsibilities & duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the activities of the P&A Working Group under the coordination of the P&A Working Group Chair• Maintain an active scan for issues relevant to the biomedical engineering community that require advocacy, through submission to public consultations or otherwise• Assist in the compilation and writing of position statements and community advisories (informing the community of the importance of key issues and the CBME position)
Expected time commitment	<p>Reasonable expectation of weekly hours: Expectation is an average of 1-2 hours a week.</p> <p>Key times of increased activity: The workload for working group members is expected to increase at times coinciding with the deadlines for public consultations.</p>

Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the CBME is engaging in at least one public consultation or position statement each quarter • Contribute to the preparation of quarterly reports (1-2 page) regarding the CBME's P&A activity of the last quarter, any submissions known to be on the horizon, and any other relevant issues (not addressed by public consultations) that the CBME should consider issuing an advocacy statement about.
Qualifications & skill set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with organisational advocacy • Well organised and fluent communicator • Familiarity with EA's policies and organisation structure • Engineers Australia membership (preferred)
Reports to	Chair, Policy & Advocacy Working Group

Volunteer Benefits

Volunteers with the College of Biomedical Engineering will enjoy working with a committed and engaging team of colleagues.

As a member of the working group, you will:

- connect and collaborate with leaders in the national Biomedical Community
- participate in discussions regarding College-led initiatives and events
- help enhance the value of EA membership
- help strengthen the collective output of Biomedical Engineering in Australia
- gain valuable insight and experience in community organising.

Engineers Australia

As Australia's national engineering body, we champion our 140,000+ members, providing resources, connections and growth for high-value work in our communities.

College of Biomedical Engineering

The College aims to be a peak representative body for biomedical engineering professionals in Australia. You are invited to join us in our mission to:

- Promote the critical work of biomedical engineering in society
- Support the biomedical engineering workforce, and
- Deliver ever-increasing value to its members.