

## Operational Plan 2019-2020

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Under the five goals of the National Soil RD&E Strategy, the committee will support the activities of the Australian Soil Network through the following;

|  | <i>Proposed work for 2019/20</i>   | <i>Outputs</i>  |
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|  | Collaborate with Soil Science Australia (SSA)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise the new SSA website as a home for NCST information, ToR, Strategic Plan and other related information</li> <li>• Maintain close collaboration on standards such as soil classification and field assessment guidelines</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p>Continue to coordinate the following NCST Working Groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Soil Classification (ASC)</li> <li>• Digital Soil Assessment (DSA)</li> <li>• Australian Soil and Land Survey Field Handbook</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise a new revision of the ASC</li> <li>• Adopt on a publication option</li> <li>• Support attendance of Australian representatives to attend Pedometrics 2019, Guelph Canada</li> <li>• Assist with the planning of the Digital Soil Assessment Futuring workshop</li> <li>• Steer the development of new TERN Landscapes products through workshops</li> <li>• Prioritise tasks and align changes with the ASC, explore new formats for publication and communicate changes via SSA website</li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>Support the development of national soil information</p> <p>Provide input and advice to major national research programs</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to engage with the ASN regarding progressing national soil information</li> <li>• NCST representatives to play a role in coordinating a workshop to develop a Strategic Business Case for national soil information</li> <li>• Resume advisory role for TERN Soil and Landscape Facility</li> <li>• As required, provide the Soil CRC with data and information currently held by the relevant member organisations</li> </ul> |
|  | <p>Develop a NCST Strategic Plan</p> <p>Develop an annual work plan</p> <p>Provide NCST updates to the ASN</p> <p>Communicate NCST information via the SSA website</p> | <p>Finalise <i>NCST Strategic Plan 2020-2025</i> and provide to the ASN for endorsement</p> <p>Finalise <i>2019-20 NCST Work Plan</i> and provide to the ASN for endorsement</p> <p>NCST representatives to present key soil projects from around Australia to the ASN</p> <p>Progress arrangements with SSA to enable up to date NCST information to be available on their website (ie. ToR, strategic plan and workplans &amp; factsheets)</p>                                 |
|  | <p>Professional development and capacity building</p>  | <p>Continue to identify digital soil mapping capacity building opportunities for NCST agencies</p>   |

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|  |   | Support representatives to national and international workshops and conferences (eg. Pedometrics 2019, TERN Landscapes workshops etc)        |
|  | Continue to improve the information the NCST and its member agencies can provide to land managers | Assist SSA with soil training courses by providing a NCST factsheet with links to soil information websites across the various jurisdictions |

## NCST Reporting Arrangements

Reporting arrangements for the NCST, including current working groups are presented below.

