

## Review of mathematics in Go8 universities

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At a meeting on 3 July, the Group of Eight (GO8) universities agreed to a review of mathematics, to be undertaken by Professor Gavin Brown, recently retired vice-chancellor of Sydney University.

Since that meeting, Dennis Trewin (retired Chief Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics), Peter Dowd (Dean of Science at University of Adelaide and a geostatistician), Nalini Joshi, William Dunsmuir, Peter Hall, Hyam Rubinstein and Philip Broadbridge have all agreed to be members of the Reference Committee for this review.

### Go8 Review of Mathematics: terms of reference

1. Investigate and report on the present state of mathematics teaching and research in Go8 universities.
2. Report on the future demand for mathematicians in Australia, and the capacity of mathematics departments in Go8 universities to substantially meet that demand. This aspect is to cover pure and applied mathematics, statistics, and the range of disciplines which require substantial university-level mathematics.
3. Make recommendations on options to encourage more students to study mathematics at university.
4. Identify possible options for Commonwealth and/or state government action to support strengthening of mathematics education in Australia.
5. Identify existing barriers and ways of attracting mathematics educators at secondary and university level to migrate to Australia, to strengthen mathematics education.

We hope that this will be an opportunity to make the case for rebuilding Australian mathematics and statistics, after the decline of the past decade.

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