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**Review of Department of Ancient History:**

**Background, Purpose, Terms of Reference**

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**Background**

The Department of Ancient History comprises multiple academic disciplines: Egyptology and Coptic studies, Greek and Roman history and archaeology, early Christianity and Jewish studies, Late Antique through Byzantine/Medieval history, ancient China and central Asian studies, and ancient language studies. It is one of the few academic bodies that combines this range of ancient-studies disciplines into an integrated academic program. All these fields have extensive research, HDR, and undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programs, and most have significant community outreach programs. The Department is home to the Macquarie University Ancient Cultures Research Centre and the Australian Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies, as well as the Museum of Ancient Cultures.

**Purpose**

To review a range of management, resourcing, and quality enhancement issues relating to research, HDR, academic, and outreach programs.

**Terms of Reference**

1. **Governance, Leadership and Management**

Review the effectiveness of the Department planning, leadership and management structure, processes and resources in responding to Faculty and University strategic planning directions.

1. **Academic Program**

Review the appropriateness of the degrees, programs, and units offered by the Department relative to Faculty and University priorities, employer and professional community demands.

1. **Research**

Review current research outputs, activity, and capability relative to Faculty and University objectives including opportunities for developing research and knowledge leadership.

1. **Research Training**

Review the HDR program, including admission standards, methodology and skills training, completion times and drop-out rates, supervision and reporting standards.

1. **Staff and Student Profile**

Review the alignment of academic, professional, and student profile relative to current and future objectives and plans.

1. **Community Engagement**

Review the scale, scope, and quality of community/industry engagement, including external/professional contribution to and referencing of, curriculum and research development.

1. **Future Directions**

Recommend future development opportunities for the Department in terms of its resources, research, teaching and community/industry engagement activity.