

**Seminar at Macquarie University, 22 February 2008:**  
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*The Institute's Support of Research, and Views from within Macquarie*

The Institute wants to boost and systematise its support for actuarial research. Various initiatives, notably creation of the Actuarial Research Centre of Australia (ARCA), have been taken, and some progress made (including advanced negotiations towards a research contract involving Macquarie).

However, further consideration is being given to strategies and arrangements for the Institute's support for research ... notably via a Research Taskforce established by the Institute's Council. The Taskforce's work has just started, and will stretch over the next several months.

The Taskforce is adopting a consultative approach to identifying possible, and optimal, research-support rôles for the Institute. Extensive consultations will be taking place with the Institute's members, organisational units within the Institute (like its practice committees), researchers and others. This seminar is one form of this consultation.

The seminar is intended to be analytical and interactive; the emphasis will be on collecting perspectives and ideas to help the Taskforce's deliberations.