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Submission Guide: The Science System / University Advisory Group (SSAG/UAG) Reviews

As you will be aware the principles underpinning our science and university systems are up for public debate and inquiry through the SSAG and UAG reviews. These reviews will have a major impact on TEU members.

You can find background information, including the Terms of Reference and the option to receive email updates for both groups, at the below links:

- Science System Advisory Group
- University Advisory Group

TEU will be preparing a national submission for both the Science System and University Advisory Groups on their current reviews, but we urge all members to take a few moments this week to do their own submissions to the Advisory Groups.

To help you put together a submission we've prepared some statements from TEU policy and positions papers. In particular, we hope you all agree that we need science and university systems which advance the public good – not just serve big business and the economy.

Feel free to use any or all of the statements and add in a few examples about what is needed to ensure we have strong science and university sectors, and funding that means you all can play your part in contributing to the public good.

Here's a few words you'll need at the start of your submission

Topic: Submission to the Science System / University Advisory Group (SSAG/UAG) Reviews

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Science System and University Advisory Group. I/we currently work at NAME OF INSTITUTION as a JOB TITLE. In this role I/we TELL THEM WHAT YOU DO

Now spend some time explaining why you think universities and the science system are there to advance matters of concern to all New Zealanders as a public good.

- I am writing to urge you to focus the reviews of science and the universities on the drive to meet the needs of all in Aotearoa and to recognise that any new funding model should consider the need for research and teaching in the science, innovation, and technology ecosystem to advance public good.

- These reviews allow a light to be shone on the long-standing problems of the low level of research and development funding in Aotearoa and the underfunding of research in science, technology and innovation in universities.

- These reviews should consider the value of what the scientific community does for the betterment and benefit of all those in our communities.

- Any changes in the system should recognise the whakapapa responsibilities of Māori as principle kaitiaki of te taiao, and mātauranga Māori.

- These reviews should ensure wide consultation with those working in the science, innovation, and technology ecosystem. Toitū e mana o te tāngata – and affirm time and fair representation of the people.

- As a TEU member, we know that the most important power of any system comes from its people. We already have established networks to provide clear and concise sector-led recommendations for how a balanced and effective funding model can be developed for the challenges we face.

- We recognise that the ecosystem will need to have robustness and future proofing, with the public need prevailing over profits.

- I write to request you take up opportunities to meet with us to discuss how our expertise can support this process. Please ensure you visit NAME OF INSTITUTION and speak with TEU members about the future of our science and university systems.

Ngā mihi
(add your signature)

Once you've written your submission, submit it here:

- *https://uag.org.nz/submit/*
- *https://ssag.org.nz/submit/*