

Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW

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Background

The AH&MRC Human Research Ethics Committee (The HREC) reviews proposals to conduct Human Research in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007 updated 2018) and the Ethical Conduct in Research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Communities: Guidelines for researchers and stakeholders (2018). These National Guidelines provide a framework for a thorough review of applications for HREC approval.

Site Expansion Requests:

The HREC considers that applications submitted should be well considered, designed in accordance with the abovementioned guidelines and is transparent. To ensure that proposals meet the requirements of Ethical Conduct in Research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Communities, the HREC must agree that additional sites have undertaken all Aboriginal governance measures required. This includes adequate consultation and engagement of the Aboriginal communities and organisations at each site of the research. The HREC considers that it is the responsibility of the researchers to plan their research timeline with sufficient time allowed to consult and engage Aboriginal people appropriately. The HREC has determined that large scale site expansion requests that result from approval of a pilot site project within the first (12) twelve months of receiving HREC approval, will not be accepted for review and a new application must be submitted. The HREC recognises that there will be exceptions to this mandate.

If you are seeking further information regarding this statement, please contact the Ethics Secretariat at ethics@ahmrc.org.au