



NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES FUNCTIONS: 2021-2024 TRIENNIUM

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Subsection 35(2) of the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992 (NHMRC Act) provides that the functions of the Research Committee are:

- (a) to advise and make recommendations to the Council on the application of the Account; and
- (b) to monitor the use of assistance provided from the Account; and
- (c) to advise the Council on matters relating to medical research and public health research, including the quality and scope of such research in Australia; and
- (d) such other functions as the Minister from time to time determines in writing after consulting the CEO; and
- (e) any other functions conferred on the Committee by this Act, the regulations or any other law.

Note: The Account is the Medical Research Endowment Account.

AUSTRALIAN HEALTH ETHICS COMMITTEE

Subsection 35(3) of the NHMRC Act provides that the functions of the Australian Health Ethics Committee are:

- (a) to advise the Council on ethical issues relating to health; and
- (b) to develop and give the Council human research guidelines under subsection 10(2) of the NHMRC Act 1992; and
- (c) any other functions conferred on the Committee in writing by the Minister after consulting the CEO; and
- (d) any other functions conferred on the Committee by this Act, the regulations or any other law.

HEALTH RESEARCH IMPACT COMMITTEE

Pursuant to subsection 35(5) of the NHMRC Act the functions of the Health Research Impact Committee are:

- (a) to advise the Council on policies and strategies to promote, communicate and measure the impact of NHMRC-funded health and medical research (including basic science, public health, clinical and health services research and research to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities); and
- (b) to advise Council on strategies to facilitate the translation of research into clinical, public health and commercial outcomes; and
- (c) to advise Council on strategies to foster embedding research in the health system; and
- (d) such other functions as the Minister from time to time determines in writing after consulting the CEO.