**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:

1. to advise and make recommendations to the Council on the application of the Account; and
2. to monitor the use of assistance provided from the Account; and
3. 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
4. such other functions as the Minister from time to time determines in writing after consulting the CEO; and
5. 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:

1. to advise the Council on ethical issues relating to health; and
2. to develop and give the Council human research guidelines under subsection 10(2) of the NHMRC Act 1992; and
3. any other functions conferred on the Committee in writing by the Minister after consulting the CEO; and
4. 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:

1. 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
2. to advise Council on strategies to facilitate the translation of research into clinical, public health and commercial outcomes; and
3. to advise Council on strategies to foster embedding research in the health system; and
4. such other functions as the Minister from time to time determines in writing after consulting the CEO.