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## Australian Institute of Health Ethics Committee Regulations

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and in accordance with a recommendation of the National Health and Medical Research Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Australian Institute of Health Act 1987*.

Dated 14 JUNE 1989.

**BILL HAYDEN**

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

NEAL BLEWETT  
Minister of State for Community Services  
and Health

### Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Institute of Health Ethics Committee Regulations.

### Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:  
“Ethics Committee” means the Australian Institute of Health Ethics Committee referred to in subsection 16 (1) of the Act;  
“the Act” means the *Australian Institute of Health Act 1987*.

### Functions

3. The functions of the Ethics Committee are:  
(a) to form an opinion as to the acceptability or otherwise, on ethical grounds, of:  
(i) activities that are being, or it is proposed will be, engaged in by the Institute in the performance of its functions; and

- (ii) activities that are being, or it is proposed will be, engaged in by other bodies or persons in association with, or with the assistance of, the Institute in the performance of its functions; having regard, in addition to any other matters that the Ethics Committee considers to be relevant, to the Declaration of Helsinki adopted by the 18th World Medical Assembly, Helsinki, Finland, 1964, as revised by the 29th World Medical Assembly, Tokyo, Japan, 1975 and to any relevant ethical principles and standards formulated or adopted by the National Health and Medical Research Council;
- (b) where appropriate, to revise an opinion so formed or to form another opinion;
- (c) to inform the Institute from time to time of the opinions so formed or as revised and its reasons for forming or revising those opinions; and
- (d) to provide a written annual report of the Ethics Committee's operations to the Institute.

#### **Composition**

4. The Ethics Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (a) the Director of the Institute or his or her nominee;
- (b) a person who is a graduate in medicine of a university and has post-graduate medical research experience;
- (c) a person who is a graduate in a social science of a university, college of advanced education or similar institution and has post-graduate research experience in a social science;
- (d) a person who is the nominee of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in the Australian Capital Territory and of the officer of each State and the Northern Territory who has the responsibility in that State or Territory of registering births, deaths and marriages;
- (e) a minister of religion;
- (f) a person who is a barrister, a solicitor, a barrister and solicitor or a legal practitioner, of the High Court or of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory; and
- (g) a man and a woman, neither of whom is a member or employee of the Institute and each of whom is able to represent general community attitudes;

one of whom shall be appointed chairperson by the Institute.

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#### **NOTE**

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on

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