## Approval of guidelines issued under Section 95 of the *Privacy*Act 1988

I, Timothy Pilgrim, Australian Privacy Commissioner, hereby approve, pursuant to subsections 95(1) and (2) of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Privacy Act), the issue of the attached guidelines by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

Under section 95(1) of the Privacy Act, the CEO of the NHMRC may, with my approval, issue guidelines for the protection of privacy by agencies in the conduct of medical research.

In accordance with section 95(2) of the Privacy Act I am satisfied that the public interest in the promotion of research of the kind to which these guidelines relate outweighs to a substantial degree the public interest in maintaining adherence to the <u>Australian Privacy Principles</u>.

I note that these guidelines, titled *Guidelines under Section 95 of the Privacy Act 1988*, once issued will be registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments and will replace the existing guidelines with the FRLI reference F2014L00245.

Timothy Pilgrim
Australian Privacy Commissioner

14 October 2014