**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**RESEARCH AWARDS RULE 2021**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Authority for making the instrument. *The Governance Statute, section 68(1) (General power to make rules and orders).*

2. Purpose and operation of the instrument. The Rule provides a framework in relation to the undertaking of programs of study leading to the award of research awards of the University. The substantive changes in the revised Rule relate to program leave and program extensions, alignment of timelines for appeals and clarification of appealable and reviewable decisions.

3. Documents incorporated in the instrument by reference.  None.

4. Consultation process.  The changes to the Rule were developed and consulted by the Higher Degree Research Committee between 2018 and 2021, endorsed by the University Research Committee on 9 June 2021, and endorsed by Academic Board for the Vice-Chancellor’s approval on 29 June 2021. The Rule was made by the Vice-Chancellor on 15 July 2021.

Corporate Governance and Risk Office

15 July 2021