



STRATEGIC RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Centre of Clinical Research Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

As part of its Centres of Clinical Research Excellence (CCRE) program, the Strategic Research Development Committee (SRDC), a principal committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), is inviting applications for a CCRE in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. The aims for the CCRE in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health are consistent with those of the CCRE program as a whole, these being:

- to support clinical (human) research with potential to lead to improved health outcomes for the community;
- to foster training of clinical researchers, particularly those with a capacity for independent research and future leadership roles; and
- to ensure effective translation of research outcomes into clinical practice.

In addition, the CCRE in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health will be required to implement a structure and process of governance which will ensure effective Indigenous management of the Centre's clinical research and training activities. While the scope of the Centre's clinical research activities may be limited to a relatively small number of priority issues, it is important that the research activities focus on issues that are of national relevance to Indigenous Australians. Funding of up to \$400,000 *per annum* is available to support the Centre over five years, with a funding-dependent review to be conducted after three years.

Applicants are required to complete a proforma application. Applicants are also advised to consult the supporting document which provides further information regarding the CCRE program and the requirements for a CCRE in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. The proforma application and supporting document can be obtained from the NHMRC website (under 'what's new') at www.nhmrc.gov.au, or from Alison Clegg on telephone: (02) 6289 9570 or at e-mail: alison.clegg@nhmrc.gov.au. Enquiries regarding the aims and intent of the Centre should be directed to Professor Don Cameron on telephone: (07) 3240 7663. Applications should be lodged with Alison Clegg, (Research Development Section, MDP 100, NHMRC, GPO Box 9848, CANBERRA, ACT 2601) by **no later than 5pm Friday 15 November 2002**.