



## STRATEGIC RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Centre of Research Excellence in Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy

#### Expressions of Interest

The Strategic Research Development Committee (SRDC), a Principal Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is inviting Expressions of Interest for the establishment of a Centre of Research Excellence in Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy.

The SRDC oversees the NHMRC's Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy (EME) Research Program, which is designed to investigate possible health effects from electromagnetic energy emissions from radiocommunication devices, such as mobile phones and mobile phone towers.

The NHMRC now seeks to increase, expand and strengthen the capacity for Australian-based EME research in this important area. Expressions of Interest are the first stage in the application process for the Centre.

#### **The aims of the Centre of Research Excellence in Electromagnetic Energy are to:**

- Increase knowledge by conducting research on possible health effects associated with electromagnetic energy emissions from radiocommunication devices, such as mobile phones and mobile phone towers, and to facilitate translation of research findings into policy and practice
- Increase research capacity, including research training and career development, through conducting a comprehensive and integrated program
- Encourage and facilitate broad cross-disciplinary research collaboration. The range of disciplines could include dosimetry, basic biology, epidemiology, clinical sciences, physical sciences, engineering, neuropsychology
- Promote and enhance radiofrequency EME research and research outcomes, through broad and impartial collaboration and interaction with other researchers and other organisations

Total funding of \$500,000 per annum is available for a period of up to five years. Funding will be provided for research, research training and career development, and translation of research. The Centre may be actual (ie comprising a single physical entity or institute) or virtual (ie geographically disparate, linking a collaborative research effort from several different organisations)

The NHMRC particularly encourages Expressions of Interest from investigators who would not normally apply for NHMRC grants

**Note:** It is essential that potential applicants read the background information regarding the establishment of a Centre of Research Excellence in Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy, and be familiar with the application process, provided at [www.nhmrc.gov.au/new.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/new.htm). After reading the documentation, additional information on the aims of the Centre may be obtained from Professor Don Cameron on (07) 3240 7663 or Professor Judith Black on (02) 9351 6121. Enquiries regarding the process for the submission of expressions of interest may be directed to Rosemary Barrott at [rosemary.barrott@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:rosemary.barrott@nhmrc.gov.au) or by telephone on (02) 6289 9144.

Expression of Interest are required **no later than 5.00 pm on 28 October 2002**