I am pleased to release *Ethical conduct in research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities: Guidelines for researchers and stakeholders* and *Keeping research on track II*.

NHMRC is committed to ensuring that research is safe, respectful, responsible, high quality and of benefit to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These guidelines provide a set of principles to ensure this and to support the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (the National Statement).

These guidelines are the result of an extensive consultation process involving an evaluation of the previous guidelines and public consultation.

These guidelines now apply to all research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including health and medical research. This broadening of scope is in recognition that health research is a broad discipline, covering areas such as health services research, epidemiological research, and other types of research relating to health and wellbeing and the social determinants of health. The broad applicability of these guidelines also aligns with the scope of the National Statement and promotes high ethical standards across all human research.

I recognise that there are other important ethics guidelines that also apply to research involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, developed by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. It is important that stakeholders are aware of these guidelines in addition to the NHMRC guidelines. We have information on our website to assist researchers and ethics committees to understand how to apply the guidelines to research.

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Further information about these guidelines is available on the NHMRC website.

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