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**NHMRC's expert working committees:
Development of the *Australian code
for the care and use of animals for
scientific purposes***

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This document provides information about the membership of the National Health and Medical Research Council's expert working committees that provided advice about development of the 8th edition of the *Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes* (the Code) and the 2021 update to the 8th edition of the Code. The expert working committees were established under section 39 of the *National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992* (NHMRC Act).

Disclosures of interests for members of all committees were managed in accordance with the requirements of the NHMRC Act and NHMRC's *Policy on the disclosure of interest requirements for prospective and appointed NHMRC committee members*. A record of interests was maintained by NHMRC, and relevant information was made publicly available on the NHMRC website to ensure transparency.

8th edition, 2013

Information about the expert working committees that provided advice on the development of the 8th edition of the Code is outlined in Tables 1, 2 and 3 below. Details are provided about only those individuals who granted permission for publication.

Details in Tables 1–3 are correct as at **25 September 2013**.

Table 1: Animal Welfare Committee

Member	Details
2009–2012 Triennium	
Dr Yvette Chen	Animal Welfare Officer, University of Melbourne
Professor Andy Giraud	Research Director, Infection, Immunity and Environment Theme, Murdoch Children's Research Institute
Professor Edna Hardeman	Head, Neuromuscular and Regenerative Medicine Unit School of Medical Sciences, University of New South Wales
Dr Bidda Jones	Chief Scientist, RSPCA Australia
Mr Mitchell Messer	Member, NHMRC Research Committee (consumer representative)
Ms Kerry Walker	Category D member, University of Western Australia Animal Ethics Committee
Dr Carole Webb	Executive Director, Cat Protection Society of Victoria
Professor Christine Wright	Director, Cardiovascular Therapeutics Unit, Department of Pharmacology, University of Melbourne
2012–2015 Triennium	
Professor Edna Hardeman (Chair)	Head, Neuromuscular and Regenerative Medicine Unit School of Medical Sciences, University of New South Wales
Dr Simon Bain	Director, Office of Research Integrity, Australian National University
Professor Neil Dear	Director, Research and Biomedical Services, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute
Professor Andy Giraud	Research Director, Infection, Immunity and Environment Theme, Murdoch Children's Research Institute
Dr Bidda Jones	Chief Scientist, RSPCA Australia
Dr Mark Lawrie	Director, Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital
Ms Robin Matthews	Category D member, University of Melbourne Veterinary Science Animal Ethics Committee
Mr Paul Power	Category D member, Sydney South West Area Health Service Animal Ethics Committee
Dr Carole Webb	Executive Director, Cat Protection Society of Victoria

Table 2: Code Reference Group (2010–2012)[#]

Member	Details
Dr Timothy Dyke (Chair)	Executive Director, Knowledge and Development Branch, NHMRC
Dr Simon Bain	Person representing an organisation that co-endorses the Code (Universities Australia)
Ms Yvette Blackman Ms Sharon Lane	Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts / Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (now the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
Dr Robert Cassidy	Person representing a state/territory government department responsible for animal welfare: Queensland
Dr Lynette Chave	Person representing a state/territory government department responsible for animal welfare: New South Wales
Dr MaryLou Conway	Person representing a state/territory government department responsible for animal welfare: Tasmania
Dr Deborah Kelly	Person representing a state/territory government department responsible for animal welfare: South Australia
Dr Penny Knox / Dr Fiona Cameron	Person representing an organisation that co-endorses the Code (Australian Research Council)
Dr Dani Maver / Dr Carol Ginns	Person representing a state/territory government department responsible for animal welfare: Victoria
Dr Chris Prideaux	Person representing an organisation that co-endorses the Code (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)
Professor Margaret Rose	Person with expertise in the development of international animal ethics and welfare guidelines
Dr Allan Sheridan	Person representing the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (now the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
Dr Mark Stuart	Person representing a state/territory government department responsible for animal welfare: Western Australia
Dr Carole Webb	Representative, NHMRC Animal Welfare Committee

[#] **Note:** Membership of the Code Reference Group (2010–2012) also included representatives from the following government departments; however, formal permission for publication of details of the representative was not received.

- Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research / Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (now the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources)
- State/territory government department responsible for animal welfare (Northern Territory)
- State/territory government department responsible for animal welfare (ACT - observer).

Table 3: Code Editorial Advisory Group (2010–2011): Providing advice on revision of sections of the 7th edition of the Code in preparation for public consultation

Name	Details
Dr David Adams	Retired; Member of former Code Writing Groups
Dr Simon Bain	Australian National University
Professor Mary Barton	University of South Australia
Ms Cynthia Burnett	Animals Australia
Mr Maxwell Campbell	Victorian Bureau of Animal Welfare
Dr Robert Cassidy	Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
Dr Yvette Chen	University of Melbourne
Dr Geoff Dandie	Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching
Ms Carole de Fraga	Private individual; expertise in animal welfare
Dr Frank Doughty	University of New South Wales
Dr Kimble Dunster	Queensland University of Technology; Prince Charles Hospital; Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
Mr Ross Fenton	University of New South Wales
Dr Kathryn Gatford	University of Adelaide
Mrs Elizabeth Grant	University of South Australia
Dr Kathrine Handasyde	University of Melbourne
Dr Ian Hough	TAFE South Australia Animal Ethics Committee
Dr Josephine Joya	University of New South Wales
Dr Deborah Kelly	South Australia Department for Environment and Natural Resources
Ms Sally Meakin	RSPCA, Victoria
Ms Glenys Oogies	Animals Australia
Dr Laura Parry	University of Melbourne
Professor Peter Parsons	Chairperson, Queensland Institute of Medical Research Animal Ethics Committee
Dr Chris Prideaux	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
Dr Ted Rohr	La Trobe University
Professor Margaret Rose	University of New South Wales; NSW Animal Research Review Panel
Dr Allan Sheridan	Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Dr Ross Smith	Australasian Society for Ecotoxicology
Ms Robyn Sullivan	Member, three animal ethics committees, Victoria
Dr Lex Turner	Agri-Science Queensland (a service of the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation)
Dr Erich von Dietze	Murdoch University
Ms Kerry Walker	NHMRC Animal Welfare Committee

2021 update to the 8th edition

Information about the expert working committees involved with the 2021 update to the 8th edition of the *Code* to incorporate a ban on the use of animals for cosmetic testing is provided in Tables 4 and 5 below. Details are provided about only those individuals who granted permission for publication.

Details in Tables 4 and 5 are correct as at **28 April 2021**.

Table 4: Animal Welfare Committee (2019–2021)

Name	Details
Professor Edna Hardeman (Chair)	Head, Cellular and Genetic Medicine Unit Head, Cell Biology, Department of Pathology School of Medical Sciences, University of New South Wales
Dr Simon Bain	Veterinarian; consultant in animal ethics and research integrity; Former Director, Office of Research Integrity, Australian National University
A/Professor Thomas Burne	Conjoint Principal Research Fellow, Queensland Brain Institute, University of Queensland
Ms Anna Hall	Member of the Animals Australia Executive. Animal welfare member (Category C) of animal ethics committees.
Dr Mark Lawrie	CEO, University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Sydney, University of Sydney
Ms Robin Matthews	Lay member (Category D) of the University of Melbourne Veterinary Science Animal Ethics Committee
Dr Carole Webb	Director, RSPCA Victoria Chair, Agriculture Victoria Wildlife and Small Institutions Animal Ethics Committee

Table 5: Code Advisory Group (2019–2021)#

Name	Details
Ms Prue Torrance (Chair)	Executive Director, Research Quality and Priorities Branch, NHMRC
Dr Robert Cassidy	Person involved with the regulation of animal welfare in the states/territories (Queensland – Department of Agriculture and Fisheries)
Dr Lynette Chave	Person involved with the regulation of animal welfare in the states/territories (New South Wales – Department of Primary Industries)
Dr Toni Dalziel	Person involved with the regulation of animal welfare in the states/territories (South Australia – Department for Environment and Water)
Dr Liz Eedle	Person representing an organisation that co-endorses the Code (Universities Australia)
Dr Jed Goodfellow	Person with expertise and experience in animal welfare (nominated by RSPCA Australia)
Professor Edna Hardeman	Chair, NHMRC’s Animal Welfare Committee
Dr Dani Maver	Person involved with the regulation of animal welfare in the states/territories (Victoria – Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions)
Dr Monika Merkes	Person with expertise and experience in animal welfare (nominated by Animals Australia)

Name	Details
Mr Peter Phillips	Person involved with the regulation of animal welfare in the states/territories (Northern Territory - Department of Primary Industries and Resources)
Ms Lara Purdy	Person representing the Commonwealth Department of Health (Assistant Secretary, Regulation Policy Branch)
Dr Jack Steele	Person representing an organisation that co-endorses the Code (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)
Mr Justin Withers	Person representing an organisation that co-endorses the Code (Australian Research Council)

Note: The following departments were invited to provide a nominee for appointment to the Code Advisory Group (2019–2021), and elected to be involved via regular updates about progress rather than via membership of the Code Advisory Group:

- Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (now the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Commonwealth Department of Education, Skill and Employment
- Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy (now the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (now the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources)
- Australian Capital Territory - Transport Canberra and City Services
- Western Australia - Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

