



Arrangements governing the care and use of non-human primates for scientific purposes in Australia

In Australia, the arrangements for the regulation and oversight of the care and use of non-human primates for scientific purposes include:

- state and territory legislation governing the care and use of animals for scientific purposes
- Commonwealth legislation governing the import and export of non-human primates with respect to biosecurity under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* (administered by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) and compliance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (administered by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water)
- *Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes* (the Code)¹ which is enacted under all state and territory legislation
- institutional responsibilities for ensuring that the care and use of animals is conducted in compliance with relevant legislation and the Code
- responsibilities of institutional animal ethics committees for approval and monitoring of the care and use of animals for scientific purposes
- independent external review of the operation of institutions under relevant state and territory legislative requirements related to external review and inspections, and Section 6 of the Code.

NHMRC also developed the *Principles and guidelines for the care and use of non-human primates for scientific purposes*, which provides guidance for this specialised area.²

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¹ <https://nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/australian-code-care-and-use-animals-scientific-purposes>

² <https://nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/principles-and-guidelines-care-and-use-non-human-primates-scientific-purposes>