



## Targeted Call for Research into Debilitating Symptom Complex Attributed to Ticks

### for funding commencing in 2019

NHMRC opened a Targeted Call for Research (TCR) into Debilitating Symptom Complex Attributed to Ticks on 30 May 2018. Given the public interest in the call following the Senate Inquiry and the government's response to fund further research on this issue, NHMRC decided to re-open the call to accept additional applications to ensure that a breadth of the highest quality research is funded. The extended call for applications closed on 29 August 2018.

The aims of implementing the call are to:

- better understand the nature, prevalence and causes of DSCATT and the way they impact on the physical, social and psychological health of patients;
- obtain evidence to guide the development of effective tools and procedures for diagnosis, treatment and symptom management.

Applications received during the call were peer reviewed by an expert panel of researchers. Following peer review, two applications were funded by NHMRC. Details of these awarded grants are provided below.

APP ID	Chief Investigator A	Application Title	Administering Institution	Budget
1169827	Professor Richard Kanaan	Developing Treatment for Debilitating Symptom Complexes attributed to Ticks	University of Melbourne	\$1,055,766
1169949	Professor Peter Irwin	Troublesome Ticks: Determining the aetiology of DSCATT in Australia	Murdoch University	\$1,934,788