



KEY \* Ministerial appointments

	Required under the MRFF Act	Jointly established for NHMRC and MRFF	Required under the NHMRC Act			
	Established to support the MRFF	Jointly established by NHMRC, ARC and the Department	Established to support NHMRC			



## Overview of the advisory committee structure

The **Department of Health and Aged Care** (the Department) and **NHMRC Chief Executive Officer** are responsible to the **Minister for Health and Aged Care**.

Committees and groups are established to advise the Department, NHRMC or both on specific issues.

A working committee or reference group can be established if further expertise are needed for a particular topic.

### **Australian Research Integrity Committee (ARC)**

- Undertakes reviews of institutional processes to investigate research integrity matters.
- Jointly established by NHMRC and the Department.

### **Australian Medical Research Advisory Board (AMRAB)**

- Advises the Minister on prioritising spending from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF)
- Established by the Department and required under the MRFF Act.
- The CEO of NHRMC is a member AMRAB.

### **National Health and Medical Research Council (Council)**

- Advises the NHMRC CEO on the performance of his functions, including the use of the Medical Research Endowment Account (MREA)
- Established under section 20 of the NHMRC Act

### **NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee**

- Advises NHRMC Council on ethical issues relating to health and develops human research guidelines.
- Required under the NHMRC Act.

### **NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee (ERLC)**

- Regulates research activities that involve the use of human embryos and other functions as prescribed by the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act*.
- A Principal Committee of the NHMRC.
- Reports to the Parliament of Australia via the Health Minister.

### **MRFF Expert Advisory Panels**

- Expert Advisory Panels (EAPs) guide MRFF Research Missions, priority areas for investment, and MRFF reviews and evaluations.
- Required under the MRFF Act.
- EAPs will support MRFF and MREA priority areas for investment under shared arrangements.

### **NHMRC-MRFF Consumer Advisory Group**

- Advises on consumer and community involvement in health and medical research, including on strengthening consumer involvement in MREA and MRFF grant programs.
- Jointly established for NHMRC and MRFF

### **NHMRC-MRFF Industry, Philanthropy and Commercialisation Committee**

- Advises on industry and philanthropic involvement in health and medical research, and strategies to foster greater research commercialisation.
- Jointly established for NHMRC and MRFF

### **NHMRC-MRFF Public Health and Health Systems Committee**

- Advises on strategies for strengthening preventive health and public health, primary care and health services and for embedding research translation in the health system.
- Jointly established for NHMRC and MRFF

### **NHMRC-MRFF Indigenous Advisory Group**

- Advises on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research and capacity building for Indigenous health researchers.
- Jointly established for NHMRC and MRFF

### **NHMRC Research Committee**

- Advises on the quality and scope of health and medical research in Australia, including the application of the MREA. Will also provide advice on MRFF matters and policy under shared arrangements.
- A Principal Committee of the NHMRC.
- Required under the NHMRC Act.

### **NHMRC Chief Medical Officers/Chief Health Officers (CMOs/CHOs) Meeting**

- Advises NHMRC on issues in jurisdictions relevant to NHMRC business, including on areas of research need and other matters.
- This is a subgroup of NHMRC Council.
- Established to support NHRMC.
- May be used to provide jurisdictional advice on the MRFF-MREA under shared arrangements.

### **NHMRC-MRFF Working Committees**

- Such as clinical trials, gender equity, animal welfare, research quality, research impact and MRFF or MREA grant review panels.
- Jointly established for NHMRC and MRFF.

### **NHMRC Working Committees**

- For expert advice on specific health issues and guidelines development, such as dietary guidelines and water quality.
- Established to support NHMRC.