



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
- regulation of import and export of non-human primates under Commonwealth legislation related to biosecurity (Department of Agriculture and Water Resources) and compliance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (Department of the Environment and Energy)
- Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes (the Code)¹ which is enacted under all state and territory legislation
- Principles and guidelines for the care and use of non-human primates for scientific purposes (the Guidelines)²
- 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.

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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>