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ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY (ART) WORKING COMMITTEE

Member	Relevant Experience	Declaration of Interests
<p>Professor Ian Olver AM (Chair) Director Sansom Institute for Health Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chairperson of the Australian Health Ethics Committee (AHEC)A member of NHMRC's Council.	<p>Professor Olver has declared his interests as a Member of NHMRC Council and AHEC; Professor Olver has no declared interests relevant to the practice of ART.</p>
<p>Professor Ian Kerridge Director and Professor of Bioethics Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine School of Public Health, University of Sydney</p> <p>and</p> <p>Haematologist/Bone Marrow Transplant physician Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Director of the Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine within the Faculty of Medicine at the University of SydneyMember of NSW Health Clinical Ethics Advisory Panel (CEAP) – which is charged with considering ethical issues arising in health policy – including that relevant to reproductive services.Member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee (person with knowledge of ethics of medical research)	<p>Research funding:</p> <p>Professor Kerridge has held an ARC Linkage Grant, an NHMRC Project Grant and a NSW Cancer Council Research Project Grant to research topics relevant to the ethics of ART and/or the research and therapeutic use of stem cell lines (2007 – 2010).</p> <p>Publications:</p> <p>Professor Kerridge has published a number of papers on topics relevant to ART and stem cell research since 2005.</p> <p>Guideline development:</p> <p>Professor Kerridge has developed an educational resource on stem cells (including embryonic stem cells) for the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in concert with the NSW Stem Cell Network (2011).</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Member, Lockhart Committee (2005)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As a member of the Lockhart Committee, in 2005 he spoke before the Senate Committee explaining/justifying the recommendations of the Committee (along with other members of the Committee). ▪ Board member of NSW Stem Cell Network – which is committed to increasing public discussion, education and research into research and practice using all types of stem cells including adult, umbilical cord, induced pluripotent (iPS) and embryonic. ▪ Member of NSW Health CEAP ▪ As a Haematologist/Bone Marrow Transplant physician he has frequently refer patients for oocyte and sperm storage, IVF and ART consultation in order to protect and preserve patient fertility. ▪ Over the past 2 decades he has given many presentations/lectures dealing with the ethical issues raised by ART, sexuality, contraception and stem cells. These have been presented in a range of settings including to undergraduates, postgraduates and professional practitioners.
<p>Professor Sheryl de Lacey School of Nursing & Midwifery Flinders University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professor specialising in Infertility & Assisted Reproduction Nursing & Bioethics ▪ Member of NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee (2015 – 2018) ▪ An inaugural member of the South Australian Council on Reproductive Technology from 1989-1994. Deputy Chair 2007 – 2010. ▪ Involved in advising the minister regarding proposed amendments to the <i>Reproductive Technology Act (1988)</i> (South Australia) (2007 – 2010). ▪ Member of the NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee Working Party on Assisted Reproduction Guidelines (1994- 	<p>Publications: Professor de Lacey has published books and book chapters, and refereed journal articles on a number of relevant topics since 2007. The relevant topics include: ethics and nursing, infertility, decision-making, embryo donation and social perceptions of in-vitro fertilisation.</p> <p>Guideline development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Was involved in the production of the Reproductive Technology (Code of Ethical Clinical Practice) regulations 1995 (South Australia). ▪ Member of a South Australian Council on

	<p>1996).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of the NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee's, Review of supplementary note 5 sub-committee: <i>Research involving women who are pregnant and the foetus or foetal tissue</i> (2005-2006). 	<p>Reproductive Technology working party which produced a discussion document regarding surrogacy practices and child interests (1994 – 2007).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See also Relevant Experience (above) <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has given speeches and lectures on a number of ethical, legal and social issues relevant to the practice of assisted reproductive technology in clinical practice and research since 2007. ▪ Member of the Preconception and Lifestyle Interest Group within the Fertility Society of Australia and in this capacity has produced a fact sheet for clinicians that is a brief review of evidence related to female and male age and its impact to fertility. ▪ Affiliated with the clinical Flinders Fertility and has a role in advising the clinic management about social research. ▪ Member of the Fertility Society of Australia including membership with both the Fertility Nurses Association (FNA) and Australian and New Zealand Infertility Counsellors Associations (ANZICA). ▪ Affiliated with the Robinson Institute, University of Adelaide. ▪ Member of the Australian Association of Bioethics and Health Law
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<p>Reverend Kevin McGovern St Cecilia's Catholic Church</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Former Director, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics ▪ Priest of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton ▪ Member of the Department of Moral Theology and Canon Law, Catholic Theological College. Lectures in Human Sexuality ▪ Member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee (person who has expertise in religion) 	<p>Reverend McGovern is a Minister of Religion in the Catholic Church, which holds clear positions on many matters related to human sexuality and assisted reproductive technology.</p> <p>Publications: Reverend McGovern has published papers on a number of moral issues related to human sexuality, pregnancy and assisted reproductive technology since 2003.</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of the Legislation Review Committee (Heerey Committee) (2011) ▪ has provided public comment and has been quoted in media article on topics relevant to the clinical practice of assisted reproductive technology since 2008.
<p>Dr Clare Boothroyd Reproductive endocrinologist and gynaecologist Medical Director Assisted Conception Australia Greenslopes Specialist Centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reproductive endocrinologist and gynaecologist ▪ Medical Director and Board Member of Assisted Conception Australia ▪ Assistant Secretary, IVF Directors Group, Fertility Society of Australia ▪ Regularly incorporates ethical issues into teaching sessions 	<p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medical Director and Board Member of Assisted Conception Australia ▪ Received honorarium from a market research firm (March 2013) ▪ Received meals provided by a pharmaceutical company and a provider of fertility services 1 – 2 times per year when attending lectures ▪ Received travel and/or accommodation support to speak at a number of industry conferences (2010 – 2012) ▪ Receives tickets to social events including an AFL corporate box 2-4 times per year, provided by a Health Care provider ▪ Has received three nominal gifts over the last three years as a small ‘thank you’ for services provided (lecture and HREC membership) by a Health Care provider <p>Guideline development: Dr Clare Boothroyd has been involved in the development of guidelines, standards, educational material or fact sheets in relation to the prevention and detection of ovarian hyperstimulation. syndrome</p>

		<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assistant Secretary, IVF Directors Group, Fertility Society of Australia ▪ Deputy Chair, Certificate in Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Subspecialty (CREI) Training Committee, Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists ▪ Board membership (unpaid): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - True Relationships and Reproductive Health - Reproductive Health Asia-Pacific Initiative on Reproduction. <p>Other:</p> <p>Actively involved in the promotion of evidence based and good clinical practice in the provision of care for infertile couples.</p>
<p>Professor William (Bill) Ledger Head & Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology School of Women's & Children's Health University of New South Wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provider of ART services ▪ Chair of the IVF Australia Research & Development Committee ▪ Director of the Royal Hospital for Women Reproductive Medicine Unit ▪ Board Member of Flinders Reproductive Medicine ▪ Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the UK Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. ▪ Former Member of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) and its licensing committee (UK) 	<p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employed by IVF Australia (private practice) ▪ Shareholder in an Australian company who provides IVF services ▪ Board Member of Flinders Reproductive Medicine in Adelaide and the Royal Hospital for Women Foundation ▪ Chair of the IVF Australia Research & Development Committee ▪ Director of the Royal Hospital for Women Reproductive Medicine Unit ▪ Received honoraria for lecturing from by a pharmaceutical company, a marketing company and a provider of fertility services for lecturing services ▪ Received travel and/or accommodation support to attend scientific meetings run by pharmaceutical companies <p>Research funding:</p> <p>Professor Ledger has received research grants from pharmaceutical companies</p> <p>Publications:</p>

		<p>Professor Ledger has published papers on a number of issues related to the clinical practice of ART. The relevant issues include: access to fertility treatments and long term complications of ART.</p> <p>Guideline development: Professor Ledger has been involved in the development of guidelines in relation to Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (2012).</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of the Fertility Society of Australia ▪ Member of the British Fertility Society ▪ Has given many speeches/lectures on issues related to the clinical practice of ART and fertility internationally throughout his career. ▪ Has 15 years' experience providing expert reports for cases of alleged negligence in relation to reproductive medicine and surgery for both plaintiff and defendant in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. ▪ Holds, and has formally held, a number of unpaid advisory roles relevant to reproduction and fertility, obstetrics and gynaecology, clinical endocrinology, clinical practice, and research.
<p>Ms Kay Oke Retired</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infertility Counsellor (retired) ▪ Associate genetic counsellor ▪ Member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee (person with understanding of health consumer issues) 	<p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employed by Melbourne IVF as infertility counsellor. Retired March 2012. <p>Guideline development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of assorted guidelines as a member of Australian & New Zealand Infertility Counsellors Association (ANZICA). <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of ANZICA. ▪ Life member of Fertility Society of Australia

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member of the Victorian Patient Review Panel.
<p>Professor Loane Skene Professor of Law in the Faculty of Law and an Adjunct Professor of Law in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, University of Melbourne</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A renowned lawyer, ethicist and academic ▪ Member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee (person with expertise relevant to the functions of the Committee) 	<p>Publications: Professor Skene has published numerous book chapters and journal articles on topics related to ART, including stem cell research, payment for donated eggs, the ethics of genetic screening and its legal regulation.</p> <p>Research funding: Joint-recipient of an ARC Linkage Grant (2008 – 2010) for a related research project.</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deputy Chair, Lockhart Committee (2005) ▪ Member of the Legislation Review Committee (Heerey Committee) (2011) ▪ Member, Ethics & Public Policy Committee, International Society of Stem Cell Research ▪ Member, Australian Society of Stem Cell Research ▪ Has taught graduate subjects related to ART at the Melbourne Law School and presented lectures on ART and embryo research ▪ Has provided public comment and has been quoted in media article on topics relevant to the clinical practice of assisted reproductive technology since 2008.

<p>Mr Keith Harrison Consultant Queensland Fertility Group (QFG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Honorary Chairman of the Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee (RTAC), Fertility Society of Australia (2012 – 2016) ▪ Director of Scientific Services at a clinic which provides ART services (1984 - 2015) ▪ Secretary, Fertility Society of Australia, 2005-2007 ▪ Member, NATA Medical Technology Accreditation Advisory Committee (2012-) ▪ Member, NPAAC Seman Analysis Working Party 	<p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Earnings as a contracted consultant. ▪ Shareholder in a clinic owner. ▪ Paid meeting fees, NPAAC. <p>Publications:</p> <p>Mr Harrison has published numerous articles on topics related to ART, including oocyte freezing, male infertility, patient attitudes towards the gender of their children and techniques used in ART.</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>As Chairman of Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee (RTAC), Fertility Society of Australia, Mr Harrison is responsible for the <i>Code of Practice for Assisted Reproductive Technology Units (October 2010)</i>. A triennial review process of this Code commenced in May 2013.</p>
<p>Professor David Coman Staff Specialist Metabolic Paediatrician/Clinical Geneticist Royal Children’s Hospital Brisbane and Medical Director of Paediatrics The Wesley Hospital</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board of Directors, Rare Voices Australia ▪ Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians ▪ Member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wesley Hospital Obstetric and Paediatric Craft Group ○ Wesley Hospital Paediatric Craft Group ○ Wesley Hospital Reproductive Medicine and Gynaecology Craft Group ▪ Wesley Hospital Deteriorating Patient Committee 	<p>Professor Coman has no declared interests.</p>

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- Member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee (person who has knowledge of the regulation of the medical profession)
- Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Australasia, London, Ireland, Thailand
- Fellow of the American College of Physicians;
- Fellow of the Academies of Medicine of Malaysia and Singapore;
- Honorary Fellow of the Colleges of Physicians of Ceylon and South Africa

Professor Mortimer holds the following positions:

- Senior Staff Consultant, Department of Endocrinology, Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital
- Director, Conjoint Endocrine Laboratory, Queensland Health Pathology Services & Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital
- Professor of Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, The University of Queensland
- Council and Executive Member, Australian Medical Council
- Former President, Royal Australasian College of Physicians

Professor Mortimer has no declared interests.