



Wind Farms and Human Health Reference Group

Role of Observers

The Wind Farms and Human Health Reference Group has been established to oversee the systematic review of scientific literature regarding the potential health effects of wind farms and to ensure a thorough and robust evaluation of the evidence.

To ensure transparency of processes and to assist the Reference Group fulfil their Terms of Reference, two Observers have been invited to the Reference Group.

In joining the Reference Group, Observers are asked to acknowledge that they will participate in Reference Group meetings in accordance with the following principles:

1. Observers' contributions to Reference Group meetings will be limited to:
 - a. Making factual statements about research or research results that are relevant to the systematic review of scientific literature regarding the potential health effects of wind farms; and
 - b. Giving information that Reference Group members request of them.
2. Observers wishing to bring published research material relevant to the systematic review to the Committee's attention should do so by sending it to the Chair or the Committee Secretariat out of session.
3. Observers' contributions to Reference Group meetings will, at all times, be made at the discretion of the Chair, the exercise or lack of exercise of which any member of the Reference Group can question.
4. Observers will not be eligible to cast a vote in the determination of any issue considered by the Reference Group.
5. If an observer fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Reference Group, face-to-face or by teleconference, NHMRC will ask his or her nominating body to nominate a replacement observer.
6. Observers will make a written declaration of their affiliations and interests, and the interests of the organisation they represent. These declarations will be made publically available on the NHMRC website.
7. Observers will sign NHMRC's Deed of Confidentiality for committee members and abide by it in all respects as it relates to observation of Reference Group proceedings.
8. NHMRC may at any time add to or amend these principles. Such additions and amendments will apply prospectively from the date on which they are made.

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