

## LNR NMA Communication statement

Low and negligible risk research projects will now be accepted under the National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) scheme if the project has been ethically reviewed using a non-HREC level of review described in the *National Statement*, with the exception of South Australia.

At its August meeting, the National Mutual Acceptance Working Group agreed to simplify the application process for multijurisdictional LNR research. Previously, LNR research has been accepted under the NMA Scheme if it has been reviewed by a full HREC.

The attached NMA LNR Policy position (describing the South Australian exception in more detail) and Guidelines (soon to be incorporated as an official NSW policy Guideline) will be posted on the OHMR website under the NMA tab soon. The NMA SOPs and Fact Sheet will be updated.

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