

# Streamline E-bulletin

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## Welcome

In this edition of *Streamline*, we are very pleased to announce the inaugural members of the Consultative Council for Human Research Ethics who have recently been appointed by Victorian Health Minister Daniel Andrews.

On July 20 Mr Andrews attended the first meeting of the Consultative Council and welcomed the members to their new post.

Chaired by Professor Richard Fox, the eight appointed members of the Consultative Council are highly respected professionals, each with a strong background in health.

Drawing on their broad experience, the eight will govern Victoria's new streamlined system for ethical review of multi-site clinical trials. They will guide the strategic direction of the new system.

In further developments, the Australian Research Ethics Database (AU RED) and Online Forms website are now 'live'.

While single ethics review of multi-site clinical trials will not commence until later this year, now is the time to get familiar and confident filling out the Online Forms. You'll find more information on this in this e-bulletin.

Kind regards

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## ► Minister appoints Consultative Council members

Appointed from a strong field of candidates, the inaugural members of the Consultative Council for Human Research Ethics are:

- **Professor Richard Fox (Chair)**
- **Ms Kerren Clark**
- **Associate Professor Noel Cranswick**
- **Dr Andrew Crowden**
- **Mr Bill Karanatsios**
- **Ms Kirsten Mander**
- **Professor Pauline Nugent**
- **Associate Professor John Seymour**

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Consultative Council members have combined expertise spanning ethics and research, law, business and finance management, health service management, clinical practice, medical research and community representation.

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## ► AU RED & Online Forms

All researchers seeking ethical approval for multi-site clinical trials can now utilise the Online Forms website to develop their applications. The online system allows users to fill in the National Ethics Application Form (NEAF) and Victorian Site Specific Assessment (SSA) Form.

Please note, before initiating an application through the Online Forms website, contact your organisation's research office to determine whether the NEAF and SSA Form are accepted at your organisation.

You can access the forms now at [www.ethicsform.org/au](http://www.ethicsform.org/au).

For help using the Online Forms, please call Campbell Simpson on the Coordinating Office for Human Research Ethics Information Line - 03 9092 1987. For technical queries, please contact the IT Help Desk on 02 9037 8404, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm.

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## ► Further queries

For more information on the streamlined system for ethical review of multi-site clinical trials, **contact** the Coordinating Office for Human Research Ethics on Ph: 03 9092 1981, **email** [multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:multisite.ethics@dhs.vic.gov.au) or **visit** [www.health.vic.gov.au/ethics](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ethics) (click on Multi-site research).

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