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APPOINTMENT TO THE ACT HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The ACT Health and Community Care Human Research Ethics Committee is appointed by the Minister for Health and Community Care to consider proposed research projects and determine whether they are acceptable on ethical and scientific grounds.

The Ethics Committee operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) guidelines.

The NHMRC guidelines state that it is a requirement that the membership of the Ethics Committee include a laywoman and layman, not associated with the institution, a minister of religion, a lawyer, a medical graduate with research experience and a person providing professional health care. The ACT Committee also comprises an ACT Community Care representative, a Chief Pharmacist, and representatives from Clinical and Nursing Services of The Canberra Hospital.

The Government has reappointed Ms Elizabeth Grant AM, Ms Camilla Webster, Mr Vince Sharma, Mr Justin Keller, Ms Susan Alexander, Ms Anne Gardner, Associate Professor Nicholas Glasgow and Associate Professor Robin Stuart-Harris as members of the Committee.

The Government has also appointed Associate Professor David Le Couteur, Reverend Elaine Farmer and Mr Howard Bath as members of the Committee.

Ms Elizabeth Grant AM, is a Director with Commerce Management Services and a registered pharmacist. Ms Grant is appointed as Laywoman and Chair.

Ms Camilla Webster, is a Senior Assistant parliamentary Counsel for the Commonwealth Office of Parliamentary Counsel. Ms Webster is appointed as Lawyer.

Mr Vince Sharma, is a legal consultant with Sparke Helmore lawyers. Mr Sharma is appointed as Lawyer.

Mr Justin Keller, is a Managing Director of EDINFORMA, an educational consultancy firm. Mr Keller is appointed as Layman.