

# APPRISE 2.0

## post-consultation



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# Getting the green light

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CONSULTATION AND NHMRC APPROVAL PROCESS

# Consultation Findings



- Broad support for APPRISE and its proposed research priorities
- Recognition of complex environment in which APPRISE is situated
- Need for long-term perspective for sustained impact

## **Key considerations for success:**

- Strategic and effective networking (nationally and internationally)
- Clear communication of aims and results
- Translation of research activities into policy and practice

# Recommendations and responses

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| 1 | <p>Review and re-align the Expert Reference Group to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) incorporate a broader group of stakeholders</li><li>ii) strengthen the sustainability of APPRISE beyond the current funding term</li></ul> |
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APPRISE will revise the TOR and membership of the ERG. Members to be drawn from priority stakeholder groups including CDNA, primary and tertiary health care, laboratory networks, animal health and the private sector.

Further funding opportunities (e.g. MRFF, commercial partnerships) will be sought with guidance from the ERG.

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| 2 | <p>Identify and prioritise networks for direct engagement</p> |
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APPRISE will develop a tiered strategic engagement strategy for both national and international stakeholders(to be detailed in a moment)

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<b>3</b>	Finalise key messages on APPRISE purpose and stakeholder engagement
	APPRISE has revised its research priorities in light of the consultation. Once feedback received, these messages can be finalised.
<b>4</b>	Develop a communications strategy which is tailored to various stakeholder groups
	APPRISE has a Communications Officer (Dr Julie Milland), who is working on this. Input will be sought from all investigators.
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## **6** Research barriers and success factors for translation

All APPRISE research projects should consider how investigations of barriers and success factors for translation can be incorporated. This may require seeking further funding.

## **7** Promote approaches to research translation for infectious disease preparedness and response activities

APPRISE will formalise relationships with key stakeholders to understand the critical knowledge gaps and to promote the benefits of research. APPRISE projects will consider both academic and translational outputs, including commercialisation of novel discoveries.

# Next steps

Consultation report  
and APPRISE  
response discussed  
at last week's  
Australian Health  
Protection Principal  
Committee meeting

Waiting for final  
scientific review  
from NHMRC

Outcome to be  
communicated to  
research team as  
soon as possible  
(end August?)

Research team  
(tele)meeting will  
then be convened  
to discuss  
implications and  
budget

# Engagement

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STRATEGY FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



# Complex stakeholder network



# Priority national stakeholders

- Australian Health Protection Principal Committee
- Office of Health Protection
- Communicable Diseases Network Australia
- Public Health Laboratory Network
- National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Chief Veterinary Officer and Chief Medical Officer of Australia
- Related research networks

## Engagement methods:

- Formal reporting and engagement structures including ERG representation

also

- Consultation on projects
- Invitation to APPRISE workshops and annual meeting
- Newsletters and events details
- Sharing of research outputs

# National research networks



## Policy Relevant Infectious disease Simulation and Mathematical Modelling

Developing new methods for studying disease distribution and transmission

## Integrated Systems for Epidemic Response

Systems research in biosecurity and epidemic response

Consider strategies for collective advocacy for policy and sustainability

Joint PhD/ECR meeting  
2018

Improving Health Outcomes in the Tropical North

Research and capacity building to mitigate chronic and infectious tropical disease threats

Centre of Research Excellence in Emerging Infectious Diseases

Getting new technologies into public health practice

# International networks



# International engagement priorities



Priority engagement with organisations focused on global co-ordination and international data and protocol harmonisation

Examples:  
GLoPID-R, PREPARE,  
ISARIC, CONSISE

- Foster formal relationships (some already exist e.g. Tania Sorrell and Jodie McVernon on Scientific Advisory Board for GLoPID-R; Steve Webb is a PREPARE partner)
- Send APPRISE representatives to meetings
- Work in collaboration/consultation
- Report APPRISE activities and outcomes
- Establish information sharing with APPRISE investigators
- Provide (and share) relevant resources

# APPRISE website



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# Funding priorities

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BUDGET PRINCIPLES AND PLANNING

# Budget principles

Core funding for:

- secretariat,
- biobanking,
- PhD/ECR travel grants
- 1 small project grant per pillar

Support the development of a diverse and specialised workforce of PhD students and ECRs

Support national networks and infrastructure for collaboration



# Post-consultation adjustments

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- Principles will be unchanged, but some reallocation may be necessary following feedback from NHMRC
- Details to be discussed in a teleconference with all CIs and AIs once the NHMRC gets back to us