

Explanatory memorandum – Animal Care and Use Policy

It is proposed that the existing Research Ethics and Biorisk Management Policy (MPF1341) is split into three separate policies to enhance clarity on the procedures, oversight mechanisms and compliance requirements for following areas:

- i. Animal Care and Use,
- ii. Biorisk Management,
- iii. Human Ethics.

The new Animal Care and Use policy clarifies existing requirements and outlines how regulatory compliance for the care and use of animals in research and teaching is achieved and managed at the University, including:

- Procedures, roles and responsibilities of University personnel involved in the care and use of animals for teaching and research.
- The role of Licence Nominees in authorising animal breeding, teaching and research activities in Victoria.
- Clarification of high-risk animal procedures that are not supported by the University, including a ban on cosmetic testing.

Explanatory memorandum – Biorisk Management Policy

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- i. Animal Care and Use,
- ii. Biorisk Management,
- iii. Human Ethics.

The new Biorisk Management policy documents the University's Biorisk Program, and outlines how regulatory compliance and safe handling of Regulated Biological Materials is achieved and managed at the University, including:

- Description of the components of the Biorisk Management Program;
- the main roles and responsibilities under the Program;
- processes for biological risk identification, assessment and mitigation;
- requirements for approvals, training and oversight, including incident reporting and supporting regulatory compliance.

Explanatory memorandum – Human Ethics Policy

It is proposed that the existing Research Ethics and Biorisk Management Policy (MPF1341) is split into three separate policies to enhance clarity on the procedures, oversight mechanisms and compliance requirements for following areas:

- i. Animal Care and Use,
- ii. Biorisk Management,
- iii. Human Ethics.

The new Human Ethics policy outlines how human research regulatory compliance is achieved and managed at the University, including:

- A definition of human research;
- procedures, roles and responsibilities of University personnel involved in human research;
- the availability of ethics exemptions for certain types of human research, aligned to the *National Statement on the Ethical Conduct of Human Research* (2023); and
- approvals and authorisations that may need to be obtained in addition to human ethics approval before research can commence.