**Australian Institute of Health and Welfare**

**Expressions of interest for appointment to the Ethics Committee**

AIHW is a major national agency set up to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia’s health and welfare.

Our strategic goals are to be leaders in health and welfare data, drivers of data improvements, expert sources of value-added analysis, champions for open and accessible data and information and trusted strategic partners. Our work focusses on our major national health and welfare data assets, and leading work to integrate, analyse and present the data in a range of information products for multiple audiences.

Good governance is an important underpinning for our work. With a major contribution to our governance arrangements, the AIHW Ethics Committee has an important independent role in overseeing our work to ensure that it is ethical, and complies with legislated requirements for confidentiality and privacy. It provides valuable guidance to the AIHW on its expanding responsibilities for managing sensitive data on the health and welfare of Australians with an ‘open data’ approach that protects personal privacy and the trust of the Australian community.

Membership categories include ‘at least 2 persons (including at least one man and at least one woman) who are able to represent community attitudes, are not affiliated with the AIHW and are not currently involved in medical, scientific or legal work.

The Committee currently includes a woman in this category, but there is a vacancy for a man in this category.

Membership is for a three-year term. The Committee meets five times a year.

Remuneration is in accordance with a determination of the [Remuneration Tribunal](https://www.remtribunal.gov.au/).

If you wish to be considered for this position, please provide a written application by COB 14 January 2018 to:

Ethics Committee Secretariat

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

GPO Box 570, Canberra ACT 2601

or by email to ethicssec@aihw.gov.au.

Applications should address the following selection criteria:

* Appreciation of the role of the AIHW
* Appreciation of the contemporary national health and welfare information landscape and ‘open data’ policies
* Appreciation of the principles relating to privacy and research ethics
* Ability to appreciate the interests of potential research participants and the potential risks and benefits of research proposals, and to assess the balance between the two
* Ability to actively participate in and contribute to Committee discussions, and

Ability to attend meetings and to participate in out-of-session consideration of matters when required.

Further information about the position may be obtained from the Committee Secretary, Mr Gary Kent, telephone: (02) 6241 1065.