

INSTITUTIONAL BIO SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Establishment

- 1.1 There shall be an Institutional Bio Safety Sub Committee of the Health, Safety and Environment Advisory Committee (HSEAC). The establishment of this Sub Committee shall be approved by HSEAC.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Sub Committee is:

- 2.1 to oversee compliance with the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR); and
2.2 to make recommendations to the HSEAC on all matters relating to Bio Safety issues.

3. Functions, Duties and Responsibilities

- 3.1 The Sub Committee shall review, approve and monitor dealings with the Gene Technology Act and Regulations:
- a) Monitor biological related hazards as per Schedule A
 - b) perform the duties and responsibilities specified in Schedule A.
 - c) act on behalf of the Chair of HSEAC on such other matters as are delegated to it from time to time by HSEAC.
 - d) Inform HSEAC on such other matters that are within its duties and responsibilities (Schedule A) as it deems appropriate.

4. Membership

- 4.1 The nominated Sub Committee members are to be experienced in dealing with matters pertaining to genetically modified organisms and regulations
- 4.2 The Sub Committee shall comprise the following members:
- Member of HSEAC for University Bio Safety - Chairperson
 - Members of the Division of Tropical Health and Medicine comprising of:
 - I. Two members from the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences
 - II. Two Members from the College of Medicine and Dentistry (Townsville and Cairns)
 - Members of the Division of Tropical Environments and Societies comprising of:
 - I. Member of the College of Science & Engineering (Molecular Ecology & Evolution Laboratory)
 - II. Manager, Laboratories and Technical Support
 - III. Academic, College of Science & Engineering (Marine Biology and Aquaculture Sciences)
 - Member of the Division of Services & Resources (Estate Directorate)
 - Member of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies
 - Members of the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine
 - I. Townsville Campus
 - II. Cairns Campus
 - III. PC3 Laboratory
 - Objective Member – External Entity
- 4.2 The Sub Committee shall have a Deputy Chairperson appointed by the Chairperson.
- 4.3 Any person assuming a role in Sub Committee business on behalf of another person as a consequence of an acting or nominee arrangement (e.g. acting as the *ex officio* member, Deputy Chairperson assuming chairmanship) shall as far as practicable consult and report back to that other person.

5. Secretariat

- 5.1 The Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Administrative Officer shall be Secretary to the Sub Committee.
- 5.2 The Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Unit shall provide the resources necessary for the performance of the Sub Committee.

6. Attendance by Others at Meetings

- 6.1 A member may appoint a nominee. When a member is unable to attend a meeting of the Sub Committee, that member should advise the Chairperson in writing that a representative will attend on their behalf as a nominee. The nominee will be considered a Sub Committee member for voting and decision making at the meeting.
- 6.2 The Sub Committee or its Chairperson may invite other University staff members and persons external to the University, as required for the purposes of the Sub Committee, to attend meetings as advisors.

7. Convening a Meeting

- 7.1 The Sub Committee shall meet as often as necessary, at least four times a year, in order to perform its functions.
- 7.2 The Sub Committee shall meet 1 month prior to the HSEAC meetings to enable reporting and minutes to be provided for inclusion in the HSEAC agenda in a timely manner. This will normally be 2 weeks prior to the HSEAC Agenda distribution date.
- 7.3 Meetings shall be convened by the Chairperson.
- 7.4 The Convenor shall cause to be sent in reasonable time to all members of the Sub Committee a notice of meeting.
- 7.5 Proposals for agenda items from Sub Committee members are to be submitted to the Secretary for consideration by the Convenor for inclusion on the agenda. The Convenor, in consultation with the Secretary, shall determine the agenda.
- 7.6 For the purposes of accountability and meeting efficiency, all meetings shall be run according to a pre-determined agenda.

8. Conduct of Meeting

- 8.1 Except as hereinafter provided, the Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Sub Committee. If the Chairperson is absent from a meeting, the Deputy Chairperson shall preside. If the Deputy Chairperson is absent also, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside.
- 8.2 A quorum exists at a meeting of the Sub Committee if the majority (minimum of 8 of 14) of its members are present with compulsory attendance by the Objective Member – External Entity.

9. Rules for Conduct of Business

- 9.1 Subject to the general control of HSEAC, the Sub Committee may make its own rules for the conduct of its business that are in keeping with its Terms of Reference.

10. Reporting Obligations

- 10.1 After each of its meetings the Sub Committee shall submit a report to HSEAC. Such report shall include:
 - a) advice, with recommendations as relevant, in respect to those matters set out in Schedule A;
 - b) confirmation of action taken in respect to any matter for which delegated authority has been exercised;
 - c) advice on any other matters which the Sub Committee desires to draw to the attention of HSEAC;
- 10.2 In addition to submitting Reports of its meetings, the Sub Committee shall provide an Annual Report on the calendar year's activities to HSEAC, following the first meeting of the Sub Committee in the following year.

The Annual Report shall document:

 - (a) a summary of outcomes for the year; and
 - (b) details of attendances by each member at each meeting of the Sub Committee for the year.
- 10.3 The Sub Committee shall provide to HSEAC with an Annual Schedule of Business for the Sub Committee. The Sub Committee's membership list shall be appended to the Terms of Reference but do not form part of the Terms of Reference.

11. Executive Actions/Circularised Resolutions

- 11.1 Where circumstances do not allow a matter relevant to the duties and responsibilities of the Sub Committee to be put to a meeting of the Sub Committee, and a resolution of the Sub Committee is required, the Chairperson shall cause the matter to be considered by members by circularised resolution. The principles and procedures adopted by HSEAC for managing business by circularised resolution apply.
- 11.2 Where it is not practicable for the matter in 11.1 above to be put to members by circularised resolution, the Chairperson or HSEAC may act executively on the matter.
- 11.3 Where it is necessary for the Chairperson to have a matter determined as in 11.1 or 11.2 above, the approval shall be reported by the Secretary to the next meeting of the Sub Committee.

12. Annual Review of, and Amendment to, Terms of Reference

- 12.1 These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually by the Sub Committee.
- 12.2 The Committee or Chairperson may propose to HSEAC, following that review and from time to time, amendments to these Terms of Reference for approval.

SCHEDULE A – FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY BIOSAFETY SUB COMMITTEE

1. The Sub Committee shall monitor biological related hazards in relation to:
 - (i) Genetically Modified Organisms;
 - (ii) Materials derived from human sources;
 - (iii) Materials derived from animal sources in particular those with zoonotic infection; and
 - (iv) micro-organisms.
2. The Sub Committee shall Review and approve projects that have dealings which fall under OGTR regulations.
3. The Sub Committee shall make its own arrangements for ensuring HSE compliance via work groups if it is considered necessary.
4. The Sub Committee shall develop, implement, monitor and review the Bio Safety Standard that forms part of the University's Health, Safety and Environment Integrated Management System (HSE Plan).
5. The Sub Committee shall review the following RiskWare reports at each of its meetings and advise HSEAC of the status of action taken in respect of outstanding matters;
 - (i) Workplace Inspections & Audits
 - (ii) Incident & Hazard Report
6. HSEAC shall be notified of any Notifiable Event, Regulatory Notice, potential/actual very high and high risks deemed necessary by the Chairperson for immediate notification.
7. The Sub Committee may raise issues, where it is considered beyond the control of the Bio Safety Sub Committee with HSEAC for advice and direction. HSEAC will advise the Sub Committee of the proposed action.
8. The Sub Committee shall report quarterly to HSEAC on the outcomes of its deliberations and identify any issues that require escalation to HSEAC for action.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY SUB COMMITTEE

The Committee shall comprise the following members:

Composition of Committee	Member and Position Title
Chairperson (Member appointed by HSEAC)	Mr Geoffrey Gorton Director Divisional Operations, Division of Tropical Health & Medicine
Members of the Division of Tropical Health and Medicine:	
I. Member 1 of 2 – College of Public Health, Medical & Veterinary Sciences	Dr Catherine Rush (or Nominee) Deputy Chair
II. Member 2 of 2 – College of Public Health, Medical & Veterinary Sciences	A/Professor Patrick Schaeffer / Dr Craig McFarlane (or Nominee)
III. Member 1 of 2 of the College of Medicine and Dentistry (Townsville)	Vacant
IV. Member 2 of 2 of the College of Medicine and Dentistry (Cairns)	Miss Emma Carson (or Nominee) Laboratory and Technical Support (Dentistry)
Members of the Division of Tropical Environment and Societies:	
I. Member of the Molecular Ecology & Evolution Laboratory, College of Science and Engineering	Dr Carolyn Smith-Keune (or Nominee)
II. Manager, Laboratories and Technical Support	Mrs Susan Kelly (or Nominee)
III. Academic, College of Science and Engineering	Dr Lynn Van Herwerden (or Nominee)
Member of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies	Dr Aurelie Moya / Dr Peter Cowman (or Nominee), Senior Research Worker
Member of the Australian Institute of Tropical Health & Medicine:	
I. Townsville Campus	Dr Lynn Woodward (or Nominee)
II. Cairns Campus	Mr Phill Walsh (or Nominee)
III. PC3 Laboratory	Mr Chris Wright (or Nominee)
Objective Member – External Entity	Mr David Porter Group Laboratory Manager, Pathology Queensland Health Support Queensland, Department of Health, Queensland Government
Member of the Division of Services and Resources, Estate Directorate	Mr Simon Leavers (or Nominee) Manager, Asset Strategy and Maintenance
Advisor by Invitation – Environmental Advisor (Plants & Waste): Manager, Environment, Division of Services and Resources	Mr Adam Connell (or Nominee)
Advisor by Invitation – Member from the College of Healthcare Sciences	
Permanent Advisor - HSE Biological, Radiation and Chemical Safety Advisor	Mr Drew Kleier (or Nominee) HSE Biological, Radiation and Chemicals Safety Advisor Health, Safety and Environment Unit
Secretariat	Ms Michelle Nethery (or Nominee) HSE Administrative Officer Health, Safety and Environment Unit

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University Bio Safety Sub Committee 2018 Schedule of Business	
01/2018	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business arising: HSEAC • Update on JCU & Sector HSE matters • Update on Industry HSE Standards & Practices • Review Terms of Reference and Membership of Committee • Amendments to University Bio Safety Procedure (as they arise) <p>OGTR Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audits, Approval of Projects and Procedures • Biosafety Applications • Action List of OGTR Laboratory Inspections • NLRD Register for Expiring Projects Report <p>2017 4th Quarter and Annual Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RiskWare Report - Workplace Inspections & Audits • RiskWare Report –Annual Report Incident & Hazard Report • Notifiable Events, Regulatory Notices, Potential very High and High Risks • Sub Committee Annual Report
02/2018	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business arising: HSEAC • Update on JCU & Sector HSE matters • Update on Industry HSE Standards & Practices • Amendments to University Bio Safety Procedure (as they arise) <p>OGTR Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audits, Approval of Projects and Procedures • Biosafety Applications • Action List of OGTR Laboratory Inspections <p>1st Quarter Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RiskWare Report - Workplace Inspections & Audits • RiskWare Report – Incident & Hazard Report • Notifiable Events, Regulatory Notices, Potential very High and High Risks
03/2018	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business arising: HSEAC • Update on JCU & sector HSE matters • Update on Industry HSE Standards & Practices • Amendments to University Bio Safety Procedure (as they arise) <p>OGTR Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audits, Approval of Projects and Procedures • Biosafety Applications • Action List of OGTR Laboratory Inspections • Biosafety Project Register Expiry Report <p>2nd Quarter Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RiskWare Report - Workplace Inspections & Audits • RiskWare Report – Incident & Hazard Report • Notifiable Events, Regulatory Notices, Potential very High and High Risks

04/2018	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business arising: HSEAC• Update on JCU & sector HSE matters• Update on Industry HSE Standards & Practices• Schedule of Business and proposed dates for the Next Year• Amendments to University Bio Safety Procedure (as they arise) <p>OGTR Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audits, Approval of Projects and Procedures• Biosafety Applications• Action List of OGTR Laboratory Inspections <p>3rd Quarter Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RiskWare Report - Workplace Inspections & Audits• RiskWare Report – Incident & Hazard Report• Notifiable Events, Regulatory Notices, Potential very High and High Risks
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