The University of Newcastle  
HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE  
PEER REVIEW DECLARATION

To be completed and submitted with the following applications:

- Initial approval – expedited
- Initial approval – HREA and HREA Supplement

Applicant: ______________________________________________________________

Title of project: __________________________________________________________

Peer review confirmation

The research proposal contained herein has been peer reviewed by (please tick):

☐ The following competitive research grant body and given a positive review:

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In: (year) ____________________________

OR

☐ Reviewed by: ________________________________

On: (date) ____________________________

and it is confirmed that:

- the proposal has been peer reviewed by an experienced researcher in the field of study who is independent of the research and the researchers;
- the aims of the research are clearly identified;
- the research proposal is well designed and methodologically sound;
- the research proposal is supported by an appropriate literature review;
- the research procedures are appropriate to the aims of the research;
- the proposed study sample is appropriate;
- if the research is conducted according to the protocol, it is expected to yield valid and useful data;
- the researcher(s) has the necessary expertise to conduct the research and perform the procedures/techniques required by the research; and
- where relevant, all methodological issues have been resolved to the satisfaction of the peer reviewer.

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