Tasmanian Scientific Research Advisory Committee (TSRAC)

Review Exemption Guidelines

The Tasmanian Scientific Research Advisory Committee (TSRAC) is a sub-committee of the Human Research Ethics Committee (Tasmania) Network. The objective of the TSRAC is to review the scientific validity, merit, integrity and safety of health and medical research applications prior to their consideration by the Tasmanian Health and Medical Human Research Ethics Committee (HMHREC).

Applying for TSRAC Review Exemption

If you are planning to submit a Prior Approval application, or your project is funded by a Category 1 grant (refer Human Research Ethics Application (HREA) Question 1.6), you can apply for an exemption from TSRAC Review by providing the following documentation;

- Evidence of approval from another Australian NHMRC registered HREC (Prior Approval)
  
  Or

- Evidence of funding approval from a category 1 grant
  
  AND

- Evidence of peer review of the funded research plan

Please note: For applications submitted under a category 1 program grant, ensure there is evidence that the peer reviewed, funded research plan contained adequate detail of the project submitted for ethical review. (It’s common for there to be no mention of individual studies in a program grant.)

Submit these documents together with your ethics application. If your application meets the TSRAC Review exemption criteria your application will progress to the next available Health and Medical Human Research Ethics Committee meeting.

If you have any questions, please phone Research Integrity and Ethics Office on 03 6226 6254 or email human.ethics@utas.edu.au

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