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Dear Ms Cornes

**Research Title: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander better cardiac care collaborative data linkage project for Queensland**

**HREC / Project Number: HREC/15/QPCH/289**

I am writing to inform you that, having considered your application, which was received 1 February 2018, under section 282 of the *Public Health Act 2005* (the Act) to be given health information held by a health agency specified below (Information) for research in relation to the project listed above, your application has been granted under section 284 of the Act by the Director-General's delegate. Consequently, the Information can be given to the persons specified below, providing they act in accordance with Part 4 of the Act and within the limits detailed in your now granted application and this letter.

**This grant (RD007259) commences on the date of this letter, is valid for the period of the Human Research Ethics Approval in place for this project and expires at the end of that period.**

**This grant relates to information for the period from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2018 from the following repositories:**

- Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC)
- Death Register
- Cause of Death Unit Record File
- Notifiable Conditions System (NOCS)
- Queensland Rheumatic Heart Disease Register
- Rheumatic Heart Disease Enhanced Surveillance Database
- Emergency Department Collection
- National Hospital Costing Data Collection (NHCDC)
- State Activity Based Funding Model Output data

**The 15 persons named at page three (3) of this letter may be given the information as noted in the above application.**

This grant requires you to act in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the Act, including adhering to the following conditions:

- a) You must:
- i. provide notification of any change in the names of persons who will be given the Information for the research specified above;
  - ii. ensure that the Information is kept confidential, is not disclosed (whether directly or indirectly) to persons not named in this letter and is handled securely, including in relation to storage or disposal of the Information;

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- iii. protect the privacy of any individual capable of being identified by the Information; and
- iv. provide an annual progress report and a final report at the completion of your project, to Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office, Office of the Director-General. Templates can be found on the web page [http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ohmr/html/regu/aces\\_conf\\_hth\\_info.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ohmr/html/regu/aces_conf_hth_info.asp).

b) You must not:

- i. use the Information in a way that is inconsistent with the research for which it is given as described in the application to which this letter relates; or
- ii. disclose the Information where the disclosure is not permitted by the Act.

Failure to act in accordance with a condition stated above may constitute an offence under the Act for which you may be prosecuted and incur a penalty.

When conducting research within the Queensland public health system, a copy of this letter must be provided to the relevant Research Governance Officer as part of your research governance application in accordance with Queensland Health policies.

Please note: This letter constitutes a grant only for the purposes of Part 4 of the Act. The project cannot proceed until separate Research Governance authorisation has been obtained from the relevant authority in accordance with Queensland Health policies.

Please display this letter and a copy of the application to which this letter relates when requesting the Information from the relevant data custodian.

Should you wish to amend the project protocol, you will need to seek approval of these amendments from the HREC that has ethical oversight of the project and submit a new application for a grant to be given for health information held by a health agency in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the Act. Amendments include seeking to use the Information in a way, or for an additional research purpose, not listed in the application to which this letter relates or seeking to give the Information for the research to additional persons not named in this letter. Please provide a copy of your HREC approval of the amendments when re-applying.

Please contact Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office, Office of the Director-General on email [PHA@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:PHA@health.qld.gov.au) or phone 07 3199 3175 if you have any queries on this matter.

Yours sincerely



**Sue Hooper PhD**

Director

Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office

Office of the Director-General

10/14 2018

cc Dr Judith Katzenellenbogen, University of Western Australia

**15 persons approved to be given information in accordance with *Public Health Act 2005* approval for study: 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander better cardiac care collaborative data linkage project for Queensland' HREC/15/QPCH/289**

**Ms Sue Cornes  
Mr Daniel Williamson  
Dr Judith Katzenellenbogen  
Associate Professor William Wang  
Dr Mick Adams  
Dr Trisha Johnston  
Mr Tim Moffit  
Ms Taku Endo  
Mr Miles Utz  
Mr Lennan Petersen  
Dr Karen Dempsey  
Ms Deborah Kruger  
Dr Lee Nedkoff  
Mr Jeffrey Cannon  
Professor Nicolas de Klerk**