



Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities

Principles for AMRRIC's Involvement in, or Support for, Research Projects

1. AMRRIC seeks to base its policies and strategies on factual information and research findings.
2. Priority will be given to research projects that align with AMRRIC's strategy and objectives.
3. Board approval is essential for all research projects.
4. Research projects should be of national significance and produce outcomes that can be applied in more than one jurisdiction or community.
5. AMRRIC is open to research partnerships with all relevant national and international organisations and individuals and avoids exclusive agreements with any one party.
6. Research projects must produce benefits for all participants including AMRRIC and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that may participate.
7. Research project design and execution must be culturally respectful and engage communities and community leaders in an ongoing way – including providing culturally relevant feedback on research outcomes.
8. AMRRIC endorses and commits to the 'no survey without service' approach to field based research.
9. As far as possible, Indigenous academics, research students, institutions and organisations should be full partners in research projects so as to enable them to build capability, contacts and expertise.
10. AMRRIC is to be represented on the research governance/oversight mechanisms for the research projects it engages in.
11. In general, AMRRIC does not see itself as a major financial contributor to research but may provide in-kind and other forms of support.
12. Research copyright should be established with stakeholders (the community/people where and upon whom the research is being conducted, and the researchers/universities) prior to commencement of the research.
13. Normal ethics committee approval is required for all projects, including "field trials".
14. The AMRRIC Board should endorse publications before any documents are published to the wider community.

Research Priorities

- Links between animal health and human health
- Links between animal abuse and human abuse
- Animal behaviour and training
- Program evaluation and policy development and analysis
- Community understandings and education