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Transparency and the NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee

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For the attention of:

Professor Warwick Anderson,
CEO, National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

Professor Anderson, in [my letter to you re vaccination policy and practice in Australia](#) (15 April 2014), I raised the problem of the lack of transparency about members of committees and groups who provide advice to the Australian Federal Government on vaccine products.

This argument also holds for members of other committees and groups involved in health issues.

For example, looking at the [NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee webpage](#) there is a dearth of information about the members of this committee. Even their affiliations are not listed.

In the interests of transparency and accountability, I request that affiliations and any potential conflicts of interest of the members of the NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee be publicly accessible on the AHEC webpage.

Sincerely
Elizabeth Hart