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Declaration Form for Submission to Iris Ethics

Instructions

Please complete all sections of this document and submit as part of your application. If responses to questions are addressed in specific sections of the documents uploaded as part of your application, you can put a reference to them (e.g. “Research_Plan.doc page 15”) rather than answer in full. If you would prefer to write your answers in a separate document, please do so and upload this as part of your application, with references to that document made in this form.

Project Details

Project name:	
Principal Investigator:	
Role, organisation:	

Review Pathway:

Full HREC ◯ Lower Risk ◯ Exemption ◯

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Merit and integrity

As outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2025 (Section 1.1-1.2), evaluation/research that has **merit** is:

- justifiable by its potential benefit;
- designed or developed using appropriate methods;
- based on a thorough study of current literature;
- designed to ensure respect for participants is not compromised;
- conducted or supervised by persons or teams with appropriate experience, qualifications and competence (this can include lived-experience leadership and co-design);
- done using appropriate facilities and resources.

Please provide comments on how the proposed research/evaluation approach and methods show merit. **If your other documents (such as your project plan) show this, just make a reference to the relevant sections here.**

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As outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2025 (Section 1.3), evaluation/research that has **integrity** is carried out by people with a commitment to:

- searching for knowledge and understanding;
- following recognised principles of research conduct;
- conducting evaluation/research honestly;
- interacting with participants and other stakeholders respectfully, honestly and fairly; and
- disseminating, communicating and translating results, whether favourable or unfavourable, in ways that permit scrutiny and contribute to public knowledge and understanding.

Please provide comments on how the proposed research/evaluation approach and methods show integrity. **If your other documents (such as your project plan) show this, just make a reference to the relevant sections here.**

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Justice

As outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2025 (Section 1.4-1.5), research that is just:

- takes into account the scope and objectives of the proposed research;
- the selection, exclusion and inclusion of categories of research participants is fair, and is accurately described;
- the process of recruiting participants is fair;
- there is no unfair burden of participation on particular groups;
- there is fair distribution of the benefits of participation in the research;
- there is no exploitation of participants;
- there is fair access to the benefits of the research; and research outcomes are made accessible to research participants in a way that is timely and clear.

Please provide comments on how the proposed research/evaluation approach and methods show justice. **If your other documents (such as your project plan) show this, just make a reference to the relevant sections here.**

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Beneficence

As outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2025 (Section 1.6-1.9), the likely benefit of the evaluation/research must justify any risks of harm or discomfort to participants and related stakeholders. The likely benefit may be to the participants, to the wider community or to both.

Please provide comments on how the proposed research/evaluation approach and methods show beneficence. **If your other documents (such as your project plan) show this, just make a reference to the relevant sections here.**

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Respect

As outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2025 (Sections 1.10-1.13), evaluation/research that is respectful:

- has due regard for the welfare, beliefs, perceptions, customs and cultural heritage, both individual and collective, of those involved;
- respects the privacy, confidentiality and cultural sensitivities of the participants and, where relevant, of their communities, and fulfils any specific agreements made with the participants or the community;
- gives due scope to the capacity of human beings to make their own decisions, and where participants are unable to make their own decisions or have diminished capacity to do so, respect for them involves empowering them where possible and providing for their protection as necessary.

Please provide comments on how the proposed research/evaluation approach and methods show respect. **If your other documents (such as your project plan) show this, just make a reference to the relevant sections here.**

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Declaration and Signature

I declare that my responses to the above questions are a fair and correct representation of the proposed activities being put forward for consideration by Iris Ethics.

Name of Principal Investigator:

Signature:

Date: