

National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) Ethics and Governance Matrix

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Arrangements for ethics and research governance/Site Specific Assessment (SSA) applications across NMA jurisdictions are described in the following **NMA Ethics and Governance Matrix** table.

NMA jurisdictions

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

New South Wales (NSW)

Northern Territory (NT)

Queensland (Qld)

South Australia (SA)

Tasmania (Tas)

Victoria (Vic)

Western Australia (WA)

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Qld or Vic	Qld or Vic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPI / delegate uses ERM to complete the HREA for the ethics submission • From the HREA in ERM, the CPI / delegate creates a SSA for each site in Vic &/or Qld • From the SSA, the CPI/delegate uses Roles + function to enable the site PI access to the form • The site PI uses ERM to complete the SSA, upload site documents, electronically authorise the form (e-signature) and submit to the site Research Governance Officer (RGO)
Qld or Vic	NSW or ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPI / delegate uses ERM to complete the HREA for the ethics submission • For governance applications, the lead site / CPI uses REGIS to create a '+ New Project' then completes the 'Project Registration' section • The CPI must be listed in the Project Registration and will need a REGIS account. Project Registration is completed once only per study • NSW Health sites are entered under Part C – Research site(s) • Copies of HREA & ethics documents are uploaded in Part F. The lead site/CPI submits 'Project Registration' • SSAs or site application forms for sites are automatically generated in REGIS after project registration • The NSW PI completes the SSA in REGIS and submits to their site RGO • More information on ACT SSA arrangements at ACT Health • More information on REGIS: REGIS How-To Guides
Qld or Vic	SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPI / delegate uses ERM to complete the HREA for the ethics submission • The CPI / delegate uses Research GEMS to complete Site Specific Assessment (SSA) / governance applications for SA
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