# Health Technology Assessment Chairs Committee

## ****Terms of reference****

Under the MRFF’s [Preventive and Public Health Research initiative](https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/preventive-and-public-health-research-initiative?language=en) (PPHRI), the government has allocated $100 million over 10 years to a Health Technology Assessment (HTA) stream for grant opportunities that assess the effectiveness of drugs and interventions, in order to improve the evidence base on the cost-effectiveness and comparative effectiveness of health care and strategies.

### Purpose of the HTA Chairs Committee involvement in the MRFF

The HTA Chairs Committee provides advice to the Health and Medical Research Office (HMRO) on the identification, discussion, prioritisation, and refinement of grant opportunities under the HTA stream; supports the monitoring of MRFF grants with relevance to the HTA; and other work as required.

### Term

The Terms of Reference apply to members during their appointment to the HTA Chairs Committee.

### Member applications for MRFF funding

Members are ineligible to apply for funding from the MRFF PPHRI Health Technology Assessment grant opportunities that open during the term of their appointment to the HTA Chairs Committee and for one year following the cessation of their appointment.

### Logistical arrangements

* HTA Chairs Committee meetings will be held up to 4 times a year, and out of session meetings held on an as needed basis.
* Papers for meetings will be provided to HTA Chairs Committee members at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.
* The HMRO provides the secretariat support for the HTA Chairs Committee. For inquiries the following email address can be used: [MRFF@health.gov.au](mailto:MRFF@health.gov.au).

### Declarations of interest

HTA Chairs Committee members must abide by the [MRFF Declarations of Interest Policy Statement](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/medical-research-future-fund-declaration-of-interest-policy-statement?language=en#:~:text=Resources-,Medical%20Research%20Future%20Fund%20Declaration%20of%20Interest%20Policy%20Statement,HMRO)%20manages%20these%20interests%20appropriately.). The Statement, and supporting documents, enables members to be aware of their obligation to disclose any relevant interests that they may have, and to ensure that they effectively and consistently manage any conflicts of interest.

### Remuneration

Remuneration is covered under the existing HTA Committees membership.