

## APPENDIX D

### Summary of AHPPC ethical framework<sup>1</sup> to guide health sector responses

**Equity:** providing care in an equitable manner, recognising special needs, cultural values and religious beliefs of different members of the community. This is especially important when providing health services to vulnerable individuals, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people who are culturally and linguistically diverse.

**Individual liberty:** ensuring that the rights of the individual are upheld as much as possible

**Privacy and confidentiality of individuals:** is important and should be protected. Under extraordinary conditions during a pandemic, it may be necessary for some elements to be overridden to protect others.

**Proportionality:** ensuring that measures taken are proportional to the threat.

**Protection of the public:** ensuring that the protection of the entire population remains a primary focus.

**Provision of care:** ensuring that health care workers (HCWs) are able to deliver care appropriate to the situation, commensurate with good practice, and their profession's code of ethics.

**Reciprocity:** ensuring that when individuals are asked to take measures or perform duties for the benefit of society as a whole, their acts are appropriately recognised and legitimate need associated with these acts are met where possible.

**Stewardship:** that leaders strive to make good decisions based on best available evidence.

**Trust:** that health decision makers strive to communicate in a timely and transparent manner to the public and those within the health system

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<sup>1</sup> Health Sector Plan; refer Section 2.6 [https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/02/australian-health-sector-emergency-response-plan-for-novel-coronavirus-covid-19\\_2.pdf](https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2020/02/australian-health-sector-emergency-response-plan-for-novel-coronavirus-covid-19_2.pdf)