



Pilbara Aboriginal Health Research Alliance (PAHRA)

Principles Governing Aboriginal Health Research in the Pilbara

The Pilbara Aboriginal Health Alliance manages the process for review and approval of Aboriginal health research proposals prior to submission to the WA Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee. It reviews research proposals to ensure they meet regional research priorities and adhere to a set of governing principles designed to ensure the region achieves benefit from the research and that research is conducted in a culturally appropriate way.

Guiding Principles

1. That the research clearly addresses the Pilbara's Aboriginal health priorities.
2. That the appropriate regional organisations and prospective interviewees are involved in the co-design of the research methodology
3. That where assistance is sought in connecting researchers to community members that community connectors are paid for their involvement - thus allowance should be made for this in the research budget.
4. That depending on the duration of the research that staff of Aboriginal Health Services and/or community members be involved in the research project as research associates, provided training in research methodology, paid for their work, and given credit for their assistance in any publications.
5. That any costs incurred by Aboriginal Medical Services in support of the research (e.g. Transport, accommodation, human resources) are included in the research budget and reimbursed to the contributing agency.
6. That there is a clear commitment to feedback to the organisations, communities and individuals involved in the research the outcomes of that research and any plans to implement the research findings.
7. That where the research findings demonstrate the need for investment in a particular health initiative that the research organisation join with local health services as advocates for funding and support the development of funding proposals.
8. That Institutions wishing to conduct research in the Pilbara must commit to their researchers undertaking local place-based cultural awareness training also in the Pilbara

