

# NAEAC Operational Plan 2019 to 2023

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## **Animal Welfare Act**

### **s63 Functions**

The functions of the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee are—

- (a) to advise the Minister on ethical issues and animal welfare issues arising from research, testing, and teaching:
- (b) to make recommendations to the Minister under section 3(3) (which relates to manipulation):
- (c) to make recommendations to the Director-General under section 85 (which relates to restrictions on use of non-human hominids):
- (d) to provide advice and information on the development and review of codes of ethical conduct:
- (e) to make recommendations to the Director-General concerning the approval, amendment, suspension, or revocation of any code of ethical conduct:
- (f) to make recommendations to the Minister concerning the setting of standards and policies for codes of ethical conduct:
- (g) to provide information and advice to animal ethics committees:
- (h) to recommend, for approval by the Director-General under section 109, such persons as are, in the opinion of the Committee, suitable for appointment as accredited reviewers:
- (i) to consider the reports of independent reviews of code holders and animal ethics committees:
- (j) to make recommendations to the Minister under section 118(3) (which relates to the power of the Minister to approve research or testing).

### **66 Annual report**

The National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee must, as soon as practicable after the end of each year ending with 31 December, furnish to the Minister a report of its operations during that year.

### **Schedule 1 11 Administrative assistance**

The Director-General must, in the case of an advisory committee, provide such administrative assistance to the advisory committee as may be necessary to enable the advisory committee to carry out its functions.

Key	Statutory Requirement	Must do	Want to	Heavy CEC review load
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Informed Public Discussion	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Improve Knowledge of NAEAC's Role in RTT</b>					
Publish annual report					
Hold Joint meeting with NAWAC					
Consolidate Relationship with ANZCCART - meeting					
Promote public presence at NAEAC Meetings?					
<b>Improve Understanding of RTT System</b>					
Provide infographic & info on working of RTT system – MPI to drive					
<b>Provide Clear Accessible information and Communications</b>					
Provide tool for public to contact NAEAC					
Explore use of Social Media					
<b>Good Advice to Minister &amp; DG</b>					
<b>Make recommendations to ensure Part 6 of the AWA is fit for purpose:</b>					
Explore a change in definition of 'animal' to include larval stage of zebra fish					
<b>Identify and monitor critical and significant new issues (ongoing)</b>					
Identify new issues to add to Operating plan					
Contribute to development of SSP Regulations					
Review Part 6 – fit for purpose					
<b>Codes of Ethical Conduct</b>					
Agree CEC review process (CEC Subcommittee to recommend changes)					
Timely Review of Draft codes, & recommendations to MPI					
<b>AECs Supported to Ensure Animals used Ethically</b>					
<b>Enhance Relationships with AECs</b>					
Circulate AEC Newsletter					
Improve Comm's channel for AEC's to reach NAEAC					
Plan NAEAC Regional Visit (to be held in May of following year)					
Plan & hold AEC Workshop					
Plan & Hold AEC Chairs Meeting					
NAEAC Members Visit AEC's regularly (Ongoing)					
<b>NAEAC Documents are Fit for Purpose.</b>					
Update GPG, CEC Template, & AEC Induction Pack, with identified changes					
<b>Robust ethical RTT system</b>					
Review Operational Plan					
<b>Identify &amp; Prioritise System improvements</b>					
Explore the value of a 4 <sup>th</sup> R					
<b>Effective Monitoring of CEC's and Operational Activity</b>					
Promote a more uniform standard of code review					
Meet with Independent Reviewers					
<b>Support Animal Use in RTT being more transparent</b>					
Promote and present Aotearoa Three Rs awards					