

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COUNCIL SERVICE CORPORATION

enHEALTH COUNCIL

AGREEMENT

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure a close working relationship between the enHealth Council and the National Environment Protection Council Service Corporation (NEPC Service Corporation).
- To ensure that environmental health considerations are integrated into National Environment Protection Measures.
- To ensure that NEPC Service Corporation/National Environmental Protection Measure considerations are integrated into environmental health policies and publications.
- To ensure that advice on environmental health issues is provided in an appropriate and timely manner.
- To contribute to improved coordination between environmental agencies and environmental health agencies.

STRATEGIES

- 1. *In addressing the above objectives, enHealth Council and NEPC Service Corporation are cognisant of the Memorandum of Understanding between the NEPC and the National Health and Medical Research council.***
- 2. *To meet the objectives, a liaison group will be established. It will:***
 - comprise two nominees each of the enHealth Council and NEPC Committee;
 - meet at least once a year and communicate otherwise as necessary; and
 - be chaired on an annual rotating basis by one of the nominees of the enHealth Council or NEPC Committee, with a secretariat alternating with the Chair.
 - The NEPC Executive Officer will attend all meetings of the liaison group

The functions of the liaison group will include:

- identification of common issues;
- coordination of respective work priorities;
- advice on whether to develop issues jointly, or through Health portfolio processes or NEPC processes:
- allocation of responsibilities between agencies for the development of specified components of projects; and
- review of progress in implementing joint projects.

Reporting arrangements:

- The liaison group will report at least annually to the enHealth Council and to the NEPC Service Corporation and NEPC Committee on progress in achieving agreed joint objectives and projects.
- enHealth Council, members of NEPC Committee, and the NEPC Service Corporation will each be responsible for their own costs for the liaison group.

3. Arrangements for the provision of environmental health advice to NEPC.

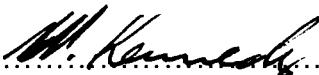
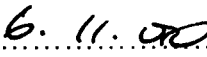
- Where it is desirable, enHealth Council may be represented as appropriate on project teams or on technical review panels or advisory panels established for National Environment Protection Measures. Participation would be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account any cost implications and agreement on appropriate cost sharing arrangements.
- Where enHealth Council is not a member of a project team, a technical review panel or advisory panel for a National Environment Protection Measure it will be invited early in the process to provide advice to NEPC.
- NEPC Service Corporation on behalf of NEPC Committee may contract a member agency of the enHealth Council to provide specific advice on a clearly defined environmental health issue within the scope of a National Environment Protection Measure.

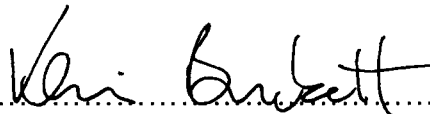
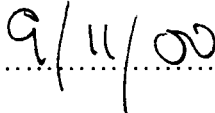
3. Dispute settlement

- The responsibility for resolution of any disputes rests with the Secretariat of the enHealth Council and the NEPC Executive Officer.

4. Communications

- All communications should be directed:
 - in the case of the enHealth Council, to the Secretariat of the enHealth Council
 - in the case of the NEPC Service Corporation, to the Executive Officer of the NEPC Service Corporation.

Signed:  Dated: 
Dr Bruce Kennedy,
Executive Officer
NEPC Service Corporation

Signed:  Dated: 
Secretariat
enHealth Council