

30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Principals and Animal Ethics Focus Staff

**Re: Non-Government Schools Animal Ethics Committee SOP Review and Consultation**

The Non-Government Schools Animal Ethics Committee in consultation with Dr Sahra McFetridge have reviewed and updated the Safe Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes.

For a comprehensive summary of the updates, please view the following [presentation](#) compiled by Dr Sahra McFetridge.

Please review and provide feedback on the specific SOP's for animals that you have on site. The updated SOP's can be found at the following [location](#). As you review SOP's relevant to the animals on your site, consider the following:

- Do you find the new table listing the approved activities at the beginning of each SOP valuable?
- Do you find the expanded activity information from the table on page 1 of each SOP for individual approved activities outlined at the end of each SOP valuable?
- Do you find the resources listed for SOPs useful?
- Do you have any other audience-appropriate resources that you would recommend be included?
- Would you find a mentor listing relevant to species useful?
- Are there any species that you consider having been missed from the SOP list that you would like to have an SOP provided for?
- Do you have a current biosecurity plan? Do you have a current bushfire plan? Have you found the materials from the procedure manual useful to assist in creating these for your school?
- Do you have any additional comments or recommendations?

The period of consultation concludes on **Friday the 22nd of May 2020**.

Please direct all feedback to the Non-Government Schools Animal Ethics Committee via [email](#).

Yours sincerely



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