

AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION OF BIOETHICS AND HEALTH LAW (AABHL)
STREAMS CHARTER

AABHL Stream Charter Version 001

Responsible person(s) – AABHL Committee & Stream Leaders

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1. PURPOSE OF CHARTER

This Charter sets out the role, composition, and responsibilities, of Streams of the AABHL that report to the Committee. The Committee role, composition and responsibilities are set out in the Constitution AABHL Ltd (September 2019).

2. PURPOSE OF STREAMS

The role of the Streams is collectively to carry out the day-to-day operations of the AABHL that are directed towards achieving the objects of the Association as specified in 2. *Objects* in the AABHL Constitution. Each Stream is led by a Stream Leader (or Leaders jointly) and has a responsibility to develop and review its Terms of Reference which sets out the role and function of the stream, which then need to be approved by the AABHL Committee.

The core goals of the Streams include:

- Community building and networking, including fostering future research collaborations.
- Collaboration and knowledge-sharing.
- Professional development.
- Building disciplinary identity and visibility within the AABHL.
- Building connections with industry, policy, practice.
- Providing an active space for research/methodology/practice development.

3. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STREAMS AND THE COMMITTEE

The Committee appoints a Stream Leader (or Leaders acting jointly) for each stream.

Stream Leaders report to the Committee in a timely manner on relevant operational matters.

The relationship between the Streams and the Committee is a partnership that is crucial to achieving the activities of the Association as set out in the Constitution. The Committee is

responsible for overseeing and supporting the Streams in the delivery of their projects and activities. To facilitate these activities and to ensure good communication, each Stream Leader reports to the Committee.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STREAMS

a. *Responsibilities of Stream Leaders*

The principal responsibilities of Stream Leaders include:

- Determining the constitution of the Stream, in consultation with the Stream membership.
- Leading and overseeing effective performance of the Stream.
- Ensuring that the Stream functions within its Terms of Reference and the AABHL Constitution.
- Ensuring that Stream members have adequate opportunity to contribute.
- Setting the agenda for Stream Leader meetings.
- Establishing a protocol to take effect when the Stream Leader is absent from Stream meetings or Events.
- Contributing to the development and monitoring of performance against activities assigned to their Stream in the Constitution.
- Maintaining relations between the Stream and the Committee.
- Attending quarterly meetings with the Committee.
- Participating in evaluation of the performance of the Stream when requested/required.

b. *Responsibilities of Members of Streams*

The principal responsibilities of members of Streams include:

- Working effectively with the Stream Leader and the other members of the Stream.
- Working in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Association.
- Reporting activities in an accurate and transparent manner.
- Promoting and endorsing the AABHL's Objects in all aspects that affect the operations of the Association.

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