**Expression of Interest**

OQNT Ethics Committee

Optometry Queensland Northern Territory (OQNT) Board is seeking expressions of interest for members to join our Ethics Committee.

**The Queensland Children’s Eye Health Strategy Committee**

The purpose of the Ethics Committee (EC) is to assist OQNT in fulfilling its duties in overseeing the organisation's Code of Conduct complaints processes.

The EC’s roles and responsibilities include:

* Considering ethics complaints suggesting there may be in breach of the OQNT Code of Conduct.
* Act under the OQNT’s Constitution.
* Act in compliance with the OQNT’s Ethics and Disciplinary By-Laws

Committee meetings will be scheduled within 28 days of receiving all relevant documentation about a complaint from the administrator.

**Committee members**

There must be at least three (3) members including the Chair:

* Chair – with ethics experience
* Two – members
* Staff member - administrator

**Qualities and skills required:**

* Integrity: Strong moral principles and honesty are crucial for making unbiased and ethical decisions.
* Confidentiality: Ability to maintain privacy and discretion about sensitive information.
* Fairness and Impartiality: Treating all parties equally without favouritism or prejudice.
* Critical Thinking: Ability to analyse situations carefully and consider all aspects before making a decision.
* Empathy: Understanding and considering the feelings and perspectives of those affected by the decisions.
* Professionalism: Maintaining a high standard of conduct and respecting the procedures and guidelines of the committee.
* Communication Skills: Effective in articulating thoughts and engaging in constructive discussions.
* Experience and Expertise: Relevant knowledge in the field of ethics and experience in dealing with ethical dilemmas.
* Teamwork: Ability to work collaboratively with other committee members and respect diverse opinions. **appointment**

**Appointment term:**

Committee membership is 3 years.

Ethics Committee Expression of Interest Application

1. **Name:**
2. **Email:**

1. **Do you have experience with ethics and disciplinary committees? If so, please provide details.**
2. **Why would you like to be considered for the OQNT Ethics Committee?**

1. **Have you been subject to a complaint via Ahpra, State Health Ombudsman or Employer? If so, please provide details.**

If you are interested, please complete the EOI form on the following page and send to it and a CV to a.hobson-powell@optometry.org.au by **COB 15th July 2024**.