

## **NHMRC PROJECT GRANTS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR 2010**

Applicants should note the following summary of changes this year:

### **4.1: Priority Areas, Strategic Plan Initiatives and Special Initiatives**

In addition to the general aims of the Project Grant Scheme, each year the scheme is used to identify and support additional research in the following areas:

- a. NHMRC's Priority Research Area: **Indigenous Health**;
- b. Strategic Plan Initiatives: Health areas identified in the Strategic Plan and in which NHMRC seeks to build a stronger Australian research effort; and
- c. Special Initiatives: Health areas in which NHMRC has received additional research funding from other parties, tied to these particular fields.

The Strategic Plan Initiatives and Special Initiatives for 2009 include, but are not limited to:

- i. Complementary and Alternative Medicines;
- ii. Water Quality;
- iii. Global Health;
- iv. Obesity-Intervention;
- v. Nanotechnology and Health;
- vi. Asbestos related diseases;
- vii. Psychogeriatric research;
- viii. Health challenges of climate change; and
- ix. Electromagnetic fields;

Applicants will have the opportunity to indicate whether their application addresses a Priority Research Area, Strategic Plan Initiative or a Special Initiative. During the peer review all applications will be assessed to determine whether they address these areas and this will form part of the advice provided to the NHMRC. The NHMRC will determine funding recommendations based on this advice.

Additional information on Priority areas, Strategic Plan Initiatives and Special Initiatives can be found in [Attachment A](#).

For further information, please refer to NHMRC Project Grants Funding Policy <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/projects/index.htm#pol>