# CUPL Peer Review Template

Thank you for completing the review. Each project is reviewed by a panel of experts (both content and methodology) including yourself. The Sax Institute may be in touch about your review if further clarification or information is required*.*

Information about the aims and objectives of CUPL is included at Attachment A.

If you are unable to answer elements of this report, you should respond ”unknown by this reviewer”.

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| 1. Current project details: to be completed by the lead researcher | |
| **(a) Project Title** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **(b) Lead Researcher details**  Name and Title:  Organisation:  Position in the organisation:  Email Address: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. Independent peer reviewer contact details: to be completed by the peer reviewer | |
| (a) Name and title: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (b) Organisation: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (c) Position in the organisation: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (d) Approximately how long have you held this position? | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (e) Contact details  Email:  Telephone: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. Impartiality and independence: to be completed by the peer reviewer | | |
| The aim of this section is to establish your ***impartiality*** and ***independence*** with respect to the investigators and the proposed research.  *Refer to the NHMRC* [*Principles of Peer Review*](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/principles-peer-review) *and chapters 6 and 7 of the* [*Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research*](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/r39) *(Code of Conduct) for guidance.* | | |
| Have you collaborated with, or co-authored publications with, any of the named investigators in the **last five years**? | Choose an item. | **If YES, please describe:**  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Do you have any potential conflicts of interest that might be perceived to affect your status as an independent reviewer of the research project? For example:  Involvement with the application being reviewed  Teaching or Supervisory relationships  Employment arrangements  Any other relationship that may, or may be considered to impair fair and impartial judgement. | Choose an item. | **If YES, please describe:**  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Please briefly outline the nature of your professional relationship with the Lead Researcher and the research team.  **If you think there may be a conflict of interest, please contact the 45 and Up Research Team on 45andup.research@saxinstitute.org.au** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |

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| 1. Peer reviewer expertise: to be completed by the peer reviewer | | |
| (a) Please list your professional qualifications  ***Do not attach a CV*** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| (b) In what way do you consider that your areas of expertise are relevant to this research? E.g. clinical, epidemiological, policy, other subject-matter specific expertise.  ***A few short sentences is sufficient: do not attach a CV*** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| 1. **Peer review report: To be completed by the peer reviewer** | | |
| 1. Please provide a brief plain language summary of the research | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Do you consider that the project is suitable to be conducted using CUPL ?   Please consider the aims and objectives of CUPL and its focus on Chronic Conditions Research in making this assessment.  ***A summary of CUPL aims and objectives is included at Attachment A.*** | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (c) What is your assessment of the research as a whole?Specifically:  Do you believe the study objectives can be met?  On what basis is the research methodology scientifically sound?  How does it meet current best practice in the discipline? | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. Please comment on the context and novelty of proposed research.   *Prompts:*  Are you aware of any similar projects?  Can you comment on how the proposed research builds upon these?  How would you describe the contribution of this research to knowledge about the prevention, management and treatment of chronic conditions?  How would you describe the likely benefits to the Australian community of the outcomes of this research? | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (e) Regarding the data component of the research, what makes it important to obtain the requested data?  Is the data being sought appropriate & sufficient to answer the research question?  Would an alternative data source be preferred?  Is the study design appropriate to achieve the stated research objectives? | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (f) In your opinion, does the research team possess the required technical skills and/or expertise to complete the project to a satisfactory professional standard, and in a timely manner?  Would there be a benefit in seeking additional collaborators with other expertise, for example, in record linkage?  *If appropriate, citations from existing peer reviewed publications may be included: one or two is sufficient* | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| (g) Other  Please use this section to add any other detail you wish to provide regarding the research.  *For example, do you have any reservations, or requests for additional information, that would clarify the feasibility, validity or importance of the research?*  *Is the study of particular importance because it addresses a knowledge gap in chronic conditions and/or focusses on disadvantaged groups or under-studied problems?* | | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| 1. Peer reviewer declaration: to be signed by the peer reviewer who compiled the report |
| I declare that in preparing this report, I have understood and applied the National Health and Medical Research Council’s [*Principles of Peer Review*](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/principles-peer-review) as well as chapters 6 and 7 of the [*Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research*](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/r39)(Code of Conduct).  Name and title:  (Electronic) Signature:  Date: ………./………/………. |
| **Please return the completed report to the lead researcher copied to 45andup.research@saxinstitute.org.au**  Thank you. |

## Attachment A: About CUPL

The Chronic Conditions Umbrella Program Linkage (CUPL) was established with the objective of facilitating a broad range of chronic conditions research projects across the continuum of prevention, management and causation of chronic conditions.

The aims are to:

1. Enhance the quantity, quality and efficiency of chronic condition research in Australia
2. Improve access, timeliness and reduce cost to obtain secure linked data for chronic condition research
3. Provide opportunities for early-mid career researchers to access linked data supported and facilitated by a community of practice and expertise that will enhance their development as researchers, and ensure the quality of the research conducted
4. Improve collaboration and capacity across chronic condition research using linked datasets
5. Reduce duplication and enhance innovation of research using linked data for chronic condition research
6. Support translation of critical evidence into policy, practice and planning to reduce the burden and mortality from chronic conditions
7. Enable evaluation of policy and health system performance in chronic conditions
8. Enable more timely and efficient use of these important data to improve the health and well-being of the Australian community.

CUPL supports Australian Government research priorities by providing evidence to support:

1. Better models of health care and services that improve outcomes, reduce disparities for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, increase efficiency and provide greater value for a given expenditure
2. Improved prediction, identification, tracking, prevention and management of emerging local and regional health threats
3. Better health outcomes for indigenous people, and vulnerable communities, with strategies for both urban and regional communities.

In addition to supporting research to address knowledge gaps in chronic conditions, CUPL aims to facilitate the access of researchers to linked data, to support capability development of early career researchers, and to facilitate the rapid transfer of knowledge from CUPL research to policy, practice and planning to improve health and wellbeing for all Australians.