NDRP Working Party

# Conflict of Interest Management Strategy

Key to managing the conflict of interest is to separate the deliberation from the decision-making.

This strategy utilises the “Recruit” management strategy which is suitable where:

* it is not feasible or desirable for the person to remove themselves from the decision-making process
* in small or isolated communities where the particular expertise of the person is necessary and genuinely not easily replaced

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NDRP Working Party established (all working party members will table their conflict of interest in writing and will declare any additional conflicts as they arise).

Perceived areas of high risk of COI: long-term governance structure, decision about validation project topics, and decision about who runs validation projects

Where a conflict of interest is declared by a working group member, the Chair will decide on the appropriate conflict management strategy for the given circumstances from the following options:

* The conflicted member will be directed to excuse themselves from the discussion and will not be sent any documents or paperwork related to the topic.
* The conflicted member will be allowed to answer questions specifically directed to them but not be allowed to vote.
* The conflicted member will be allowed to answer questions specifically directed to them and allowed to vote.
* The conflicted member will be able to fully participate in discussions but not allowed to vote.
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The Chair (or secretary, if any) must record the conflict management strategy adopted in the minutes of the working group meeting in each instance where a conflict arises.