

# When do formal ethics processes interfere with an ethical approach?



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# The rationale for and benefits of formal ethics process

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr5cjyokVUs>

Historical practices informed need for formal independent review and approval process

- The principles are right: Focus risk and vulnerability (NHMRC, AES etc)
- The review process can add value
- Process has been improved:
  - Review process streamlined for low and negligible risk projects
  - Option to use alternative provider with fast turnaround time

# Process issues

- Decision that formal approval needed
  - Similar content area different requirements
  - Assumed vulnerability
- The nature of the process
  - Limited options for Indigenous communities
- Both can result in no consultation

# Implementation issues

- Who consents
  - Young people under 16, parental consent requirements
  - People with intellectual disability with guardians
- How you consent
  - Arms length recruitment: always appropriate?
  - Information form content requirements: overwhelming?
  - Written consent: always possible?
- A worked example

# Discussion

1. Do these issues resonate with your experience?
2. What other issues need to be considered?
3. What are some solutions?

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