

## RELATIONSHIPS: RESEARCHERS & AEC'S

RESEARCHERS & AEC's – POST APPROVAL

- Door open policy – Animal Ethics Officer
- AEC Chair

– Regular meetings?

**MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP TIME IS  
PRE APPROVAL INCLUDING ADVICE &  
EVALUATION OF SUBMISSION**

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## ADVERSE EVENTS

IMPORTANT TO PICK UP POTENTIAL  
ADVERSE EVENTS DURING  
THE INITIAL EVALUATION

IF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS NOTED –  
ARRANGE A FOLLOW UP VISIT –  
ANIMAL ETHICS OFFICER ±  
SUBCOMMITTEE

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## RESEARCHER PROBLEM FEEDBACK DURING PROJECT

Researchers often complain to colleagues  
and junior staff – not to AEC, particularly if  
relationships are not close and cordial.  
Hence frequent contact with Animal Ethics  
Officer desirable.

Sometimes senior researchers with \$\$\$  
will bypass AEC and go to research  
administration. May threaten to take \$\$\$  
to another university.

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**SOLUTION TO INSTITUTION  
THREATS**

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NHMRC guidelines and state laws are not  
enough

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