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Subject: RE: 2022.12 New project for DC approval - "AusUrb-HI Heat, Liveability and Health study"
Date: Tuesday, 28 March 2023 7:44:40 PM

Dear Carolyn,

My sincere apologies to you and to the researchers regarding the delay in this reply.

Many thanks to the researchers for taking the time to resubmit the application and address the areas discussed in our meeting with them. We approve this in principle, however as the researchers are requesting SA1 we would like them to agree to the following restriction for the release of this sensitive information. We typically do not release SA1 level data, but as the researchers have made a strong argument for its utility we have agreed to make this data available for their analysis under the following condition.

As the researchers have noted in their application, the data needs to be stored in the SURE space. In addition to this, we request that they appoint the Centre for Epidemiology and Evidence as the curators of the SURE gateway to ensure no information is reported or released at the SA1 level. SA2 level is the lowest geographical breakdown that aggregate data will be approved to be released at.

We also want to reiterate the accuracy issues with SA1 discussed at our meeting with the researchers. Many of the addresses that get geocoded to SA1 do not contain street numbers, therefore in the frequent situation where streets cross over multiple SA1s there is likely to be a significant amount of misclassification. We strongly recommend the researchers keep this in mind in their analysis and mention this limitation in any publications.

Thanks,
Louise

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I pay my respects to the traditional custodians and to all Aboriginal people, past and present, on whose lands I live and work.

From: Carolyn Arico <Carolyn.Arico@health.nsw.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** MOH-CHeReL

Sent: Tuesday, 14 February 2023 10:37 AM

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Subject: RE: 2022.12 New project for DC approval - 'AusUrb-HI Heat, Liveability and Health study'

Dear Data Custodians,

I am just following up on the below submission for Data Custodian review on the researcher's behalf. The researcher has indicated that they would like to submit for the next PHSREC review meeting if possible (deadline is 27 February).

Please note that approval has already been received from the **NSW RBDM-deaths, COD URF** Data Custodian.

If you are happy to support this project, please return the attached sign off form, or reply confirming your support for this application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,
Carolyn

Dr Carolyn Arico

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From: Carolyn Arico **On Behalf Of** MOH-CHeReL

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Subject: RE: 2022.12 New project for DC approval - 'AusUrb-HI Heat, Liveability and Health study'

Dear Data Custodians,

Re: 2022.12 Australian Urban Health Indicators (AusUrb-HI): Urban Heat, Liveability and Health study

The researchers have responded to feedback that was provided in a meeting with the NSW

APDC/EDDC Data Custodians in August 2022. There was no email trail to refer back to so I have reviewed the responses (including the revised and new documents) based on what was discussed in August 2022.

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Please note: The researchers are requesting access to 'SA1' variables. The researchers are now additionally requesting indigenous variables from NSW APDC, NSW EDDC and NSW COD URF and have made the following additions to the CHeReL combined protocol and application since the first submission: addition of Professor David Preen accessing linked data, addition of new aggregated AURIN datasets (pages 26 and 27) and change in lookback period to 10 years for linked data.

Please note: NSW RBDM-deaths, COD URF Data Custodian approval has already been provided, this email should be treated as an FYI, for this custodian. Should you feel re-approval is necessary, please contact me.

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The researcher has provided the below documents for further review and approval:

- Combined protocol and application for data (track changes version)
- Analysis plan (new document)
- Risk benefit document (new document)
- Variables lists (Note: Indigenous status variable has been added to NSW APDC, NSW EDDC and NSW COD URF datasets)
- Draft HREA (modified to include experience of investigators)

Also attached is a copy of the original documents which can also be found in **TRIM: H22/67513**

If you are happy to support this project, please return the attached sign off form, or reply confirming your support for this application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,
Carolyn

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From: Samantha Lesic **On Behalf Of** MOH-CHeReL

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We have received an application hoping to link data from these NSW collections: APDC, EDDC, RBDM-deaths and COD URF.

Please note: The researchers are requested access to 'SA1' variables and have provided a separate document outlining their justification for the inclusion of this variable.

Attached you will find the following documents:

- Combined protocol and application for data
- HREA
- NSW privacy form
- Variable lists
- Justification for SA1 data
- Risk vs benefit document
- Study area geocodes
- Sign off forms

These documents can also be found in **TRIM: H22/67513**.

This project has been reviewed by Elizabeth Moore, CHeReL Client Services Unit Manager, and has been deemed technically feasible.

If you are happy to support this project, please return the attached sign off form to me and I will forward it to the researcher. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,
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I pay respect to the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of NSW and acknowledge their continued connection to country and culture



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