

NGSAEC Membership Categories

As defined by the *Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes (2013)* and the *SA Animal Welfare Act 1985*, Animal Ethics Committees are required to have a quorum at each meeting containing a minimum of one each of the following members:

- **Category A** — a person with qualifications in veterinary science that are recognised for registration as a veterinary surgeon in Australia, and with experience relevant to the institution’s activities or the ability to acquire relevant knowledge.
- **Category B** — a suitably qualified person with substantial and recent experience in the use of animals for scientific purposes relevant to the institution and the business of the NGSaec. This must include possession of a higher degree in research or equivalent experience. If the business of the NGSaec relates to the use of animals for teaching only, a teacher with substantial and recent experience may be appointed.
- **Category C** — a person with demonstrable commitment to, and established experience in, furthering the welfare of animals, who is not employed by or otherwise associated with a school, and who is not currently involved in the care and use of animals for scientific purposes. Veterinarians with specific animal welfare interest and experience may meet the requirements of this category. While not representing an animal welfare organisation, the person should, where possible, be selected on the basis of active membership of, and endorsement by, such an organisation.
- **Category D** — a person not employed by or otherwise associated with the school and who has never been involved in the use of animals in scientific or teaching activities, either in their employment or beyond their undergraduate education. Category D members will bring a completely independent view to the NGSaec and must not fit the requirements of any other category.
- **Category E** — a person who is responsible for the daily care of animals kept for use in teaching or research activities.