

Tobacco Industry Sponsorship of Research Guidelines

Section 1 - Purpose

(1) The issue of tobacco industry sponsorship of research is an ethical issue because of the capacity of tobacco products to cause harm. It is therefore appropriate for Charles Sturt University (the University) to have policies dealing with tobacco industry sponsorship of research.

(2) In addition, the possible consequences for the University of appearing to promote or endorse a product which is widely perceived as harmful, make it important for the University to have such policies.

Section 2 - Policy

(3) Nil.

Section 3 - Procedures

(4) Nil.

Section 4 - Guidelines

(5) Applications from University staff and students to undertake tobacco industry sponsored research should, with the exception of the type of research mentioned in clause 6, be considered on a case by case basis with reference to the following guidelines:

- a. the name of the University should not be associated directly or by inference with the advertising, endorsement, or promotion of tobacco products;
- b. the protocols for the research should specify how the sponsorship and the results of the research may be promoted and publicised; and
- c. the conditions of sponsorship should establish the control of the conduct and the ownership of the results and should not be such as to compromise normal academic freedom of inquiry or expression.

(6) Research which has the object of promoting the use of tobacco products should not be approved by the University and should not be undertaken by staff or students of the University.

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