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Completion of the independent evaluation of the Australian Research Integrity Committee

In October 2022 the Australian Research Council (ARC) and National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) jointly commissioned an independent evaluation of the Australian Research Integrity Committee (ARIC).

The evaluation, conducted by KPMG, has now been completed. It focussed on the effectiveness and performance of ARIC in meeting its purpose as outlined in the ARIC Framework.

This was the first evaluation of ARIC since it was established in 2011. The evaluation found that ARIC is operating well in accordance with its Framework, with some suggested improvements to process. The ARC and NHMRC have noted these recommendations and will continue to refine our processes to deliver these improvements.

More significantly, in the context of the evaluation, as well as within broader discussions as part of the ARC Review and the Universities Accord consultations, stakeholders have indicated there is a need for a broader conversation about how ARIC and other elements of Australia's research integrity system might be shaped in the future to better support best practice research integrity across the research sector.

The ARC and NHMRC will continue to engage with stakeholders on opportunities to strengthen the integrity of research in Australia.