



# The Australasian College of Toxicology & Risk Assessment (ACTRA)

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## **BY-LAW**

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

(By-law Made Pursuant to Clause 78 of the *Rules*)

#### **PREAMBLE**

The Australasian College of Toxicology and Risk Assessment (“ACTRA”) was founded in Australia in 2006 and incorporated in Victoria in 2007. The work of the College covers all aspects of the professional and technical disciplines of toxicology and allied risk assessment.

All members of ACTRA in the practice of the disciplines of toxicology and risk assessment are committed and obliged to apply and uphold the Code of Ethics

ACTRA is dedicated to improve the health and safety of living beings and to protect the environment.

#### **By-law to provide for a Code of Ethics.**

ACTRA Members shall:

- act with honesty, good faith and equity and without discrimination towards all in the community;
- be honest and truthful in reporting and communicating with any clients and members of the community;
- hold as inviolate that credible science is fundamental to all toxicological and risk assessment research and is the basis for communicating results;
- express opinions, make statements or give expert evidence with fairness and honesty and only on the basis of sound evidence-based scientific knowledge;
- only act in areas of their competence and in a careful and diligent manner;
- give due consideration to the ethical, legal, social and policy implications of their research and communications;
- be a thoughtful advocate for human, animal and environmental health;

- abstain from professional judgments influenced by undisclosed conflict of interest, disclose any material conflicts of interest, and avoid situations that imply a conflict of interest;
- continue to develop relevant knowledge, skill and expertise throughout their careers and actively assist and encourage those with whom they are associated, to do likewise;
- observe the spirit, as well as the letter of laws, regulations, and ethical standards with regard to the conduct of their professional duties;
- not assist in or induce a breach of this Code of Ethics and shall support those who seek to uphold them if called upon and in a position to do so.