

1. PURPOSE

The Australian Human Microbiome Biobank ("we," "our," or "us") are committed to protecting your privacy and handling your personal information in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009 (QLD) ("IPA"). This Privacy Statement outlines how we collect, use, disclose and protect your personal information when you register to donate samples to our biobank through our website.

2. SCOPE

The Australian Human Microbiome Biobank (AHMB) was established by Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Microba Pty Limited (Microba). This Privacy Statement applies to all the accessible pages in the Australian Human Microbiome Biobank website at www.ahmb.com.au.

While the AHMB maintains its own privacy statement, we adhere to the [Information Privacy Policy](#) established by QUT. This policy sets forth the framework within which your personal information will be collected, used and protected while participating in biobank activities.

3. DEFINITIONS

1. We/Us/Our - Refers to the AHMB and QUT, including its staff, management and any affiliated entities involved in the collection, use or handling of personal information.
2. You/Your - Refers to any individual who accesses our website or provides personal information to the AHMB, including potential sample donors.
3. IPA - Refers to the Information Privacy Act 2009 (QLD), which governs the collection, use and management of personal information in Queensland, Australia.
4. De-Identified Data - Information that has been processed to remove or obscure any identifying details, ensuring that individuals cannot be reasonably identified from the information.

4. INFORMATION WE COLLECT

When you register to donate samples, we may collect the following types of information:

- **Personal Information:** This may include your name, email address, phone number and mailing address.
- **Demographic Information:** This may include age, gender and other relevant demographic details.

5. HOW WE USE YOUR INFORMATION

We may use the information we collect for the following purposes:

- To process your registration and manage your donation.
- To communicate with you regarding your donation and our research initiatives.
- To analyse and improve our services and website.
- To comply with legal obligations and regulatory requirements.

6. INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCLOSURE

We may share your information in the following circumstances:

- **With Research Partners:** Your de-identified data may be shared with our research partners for scientific research purposes.
- **Legal Compliance:** We may disclose your information to comply with applicable laws, regulations, or legal requests.
- **Business Transfers:** In the event of a merger, acquisition, or sale of all or a portion of our assets, your information may be transferred as part of that transaction.

7. THIRD PARTY LINKS

The AHMB or QUT do not have any responsibility for the privacy policies or practices of third-party sites linked to the AHMB website.

In addition to our online services, which we control directly, we also use and provide links to websites which are controlled by third parties, which may include:

- Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube, where we have certain AHMB or QUT accounts and profiles.
- Google

If you use or follow a link to any of these third-party websites, please be aware that these websites have their own privacy policies and that we cannot accept any responsibility for their use of information about you.

8. COOKIES

If you leave a comment on our site, you may opt-in to saving your name, email address and website in cookies. These are for your convenience so that you do not have to fill in your details again when you leave another comment. These cookies will last for one year.

9. DATA SECURITY

We take reasonable steps to protect your personal information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure. However, please be aware that no method of transmission over the internet or electronic storage is entirely secure.

10. ACCESS AND CORRECTION

Under the IPA, you have the right to:

- **Access:** Request access to the personal information we hold about you.
- **Correction:** Request corrections to your personal information if it is inaccurate, incomplete, or out of date.
- **Withdraw:** You have the right to withdraw your consent for the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information at any time.

To exercise these rights, please contact us using the information provided below.

11. RETENTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will retain your personal information only for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes outlined in this statement or as required by law.

12. CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY STATEMENT

We may update this Privacy Statement from time to time. Any changes will be posted on our website and your continued use of our services after such changes constitutes your acceptance of the updated statement.

13. CONTACT US

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Privacy Statement, QUTs [Information Privacy Policy](#) or our privacy practices, please contact us at:

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