

Publication Approval and Collection System (PACS) guidelines

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1. Publication approval

Publications to be approved are now lodged online at <https://www.pacs.crccare.com>. Initial lodgement must be made at least 30 days prior to the intended publication date or conference. This 30-day advance lodgement is required even if the paper is still in preparation. The author will be notified of CRC CARE’s decision within 30 days. Generally, approval is granted provided that the research quality meets the standards expected of CRC CARE projects and the information does not infringe any IP considerations. Authors may be subject to any conditions reasonably stipulated by CRC CARE. In such cases, the PACS system will automatically notify the author. Further information is provided in the online form.

If you have any questions about the PACS process, contact CRC CARE at admin@crccare.com.

Publication approvals are required for any publication that reports on CRC CARE-funded research, including (but not limited to):

- Books
- Book chapters
- Journal papers
- Conference papers or posters
- Technical Reports
- Abstracts
- Other.

2. Exclusions

The following publications do not need to go through the PACS process:

- Presentations to CRC CARE end-user groups (e.g. the LNAPL forum) if the invitation to present comes from a CRC CARE Program Coordinators, Program Leaders or the Managing Director, and provided the content does not infringe any IP considerations.
- Publications that have previously received CRC CARE approval but for which minor revisions are requested by the publisher (e.g. revisions requested by journal editors).
- Presentations that have previously received CRC CARE approval and are being presented again at separate events.



3. Why do CRC CARE researchers need to seek approval to publish?

CRC CARE Pty Ltd is required to diffuse knowledge generated by the research activities the company funds. CRC CARE must also protect the intellectual property (IP) generated through its funded research, and ensure that publication is consistent with the protection and potential commercialisation of that IP. To that end, the company requires researchers to request approval to publish results from funded research (as per Clause 44 of the Participants' Agreement).

3.1. CRC CARE intellectual property and commercialisation

CRC CARE IP that is commercially sensitive cannot be disclosed as it will jeopardise the commercial value of the technology or product. Therefore, some requests may be denied or the material edited to ensure the IP is protected. Authors will be consulted on such decisions; however it is the right of CRC CARE to withhold the permission to publish. Any publication restrictions stipulated by CRC CARE will be as reasonably required to protect the company's IP. In the case of a student thesis, restrictions will not extend beyond 18 months from the date of the request to publish.

3.2. Industry and third-party information and intellectual property

Industry organisations or other third-party collaborators are involved in most CRC CARE research projects in some capacity. In some circumstances this means the third party makes data or information available to researchers that they would not wish make public. For any publication, it is the responsibility of the Project Leader and/or publication author to obtain permission from the industry partner(s) to use data, IP or information derived from that industry partnership.

4. Acknowledgement of CRC CARE in publications

Publications should include appropriate recognition of CRC CARE in both the acknowledgements section and address block of authors in the following format:

4.1 Acknowledgments

"The work has been supported by the Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (CRC CARE), whose activities are funded by the Australian Government's Cooperative Research Centres Programme."

4.2 Address block

[Author name]^{a,b}

^a [affiliated research organisation]

^b Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (CRC CARE)

For example, if Jane Smith's affiliated research organisation is the *Global Centre for Environmental Remediation, University of Newcastle*, her address block should be structured as follows:

Jane Smith^{a,b}

^a Global Centre for Environmental Remediation, University of Newcastle

^b Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (CRC CARE)

This structure should be adhered to as closely as possible within the style requirements of the publishing journal/book/proceedings/etc.

5. Publication Approval and Collection System – simplified flow chart

