Participant Data Security and Privacy

Australian Health Biobank

How we use your information:  
CSIRO will use the personal information collected through the Australian Health Biobank (AHB) solely for the purpose of conducting health and medical research as detailed in the AHB Participant Information Brochure (PIB) and the AHB consent form. All personal information and data will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with any third-party organisation without prior consent of the individual.

Data security and protection management:

* CSIRO has implemented robust security measures to protect personal information and data from unauthorised access, misuse, or disclosure.
* All personal data is stored within CSIRO’s cybersecurity infrastructure using internationally recognised biobank management software. This means encryption technologies, access controls, and communication security measures are used to safeguard participants’ data.
* Access to participants’ data is restricted only to authorised personnel within CSIRO, who need to access it specifically for the purposes outlined in the AHB PIB and consent form.
* CSIRO has a dedicated team of cyber specialists who regularly review and improve CSIRO’s cyber security consistent with legal and regulatory requirements. This ensures the most current measures are in place to protect AHB participant information.

Data retention:  
CSIRO will store personal information and data while necessary to fulfill the purposes of the AHB, and to ensure ethical requirements are met. If consent or purpose change, we will securely dispose of the individual’s personal information and data as required by CSIRO’s data retention policies, applicable laws and regulations.

Participant’s rights:Participants in the AHB have the right to access, modify, and delete their own personal information and data at any time. CSIRO welcomes any questions or concerns about the privacy and security of data. Please contact [**privacy@csiro.au**](mailto:privacy@csiro.au)

More Information:

Detailed information about the storage and management of participants’ personal information is provided in the PIB and in FAQs available on the AHB website. If participants would like more information about how their data is managed, stored and used in conducting the AHB, contact the AHB team via:

**Email:** [biobank@csiro.au](mailto:biobank@csiro.au)

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