1. Statement
The Department of Health (the Department) shall manage intellectual property in a way that maximises the performance of the agency through creation of positive public health outcomes whilst minimising legal, reputational and financial risk.

2. Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to support consistent management of Intellectual Property across the Department.

3. Scope
This policy applies to all intellectual property created, purchased or used by the Department.

4. Requirement
Intellectual property shall be managed in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Department of Health’s Intellectual Property Standard.

5. Legislative or other Authority
- Copyright Act 1968 (Cth)
- Designs Act 2003 (Cth)
- Trade Marks Act 1995 (Cth)
- Patents Act 1990 (Cth)
- Copyright Amendment (Moral Rights) Act 2000 (Cth)

6. Supporting Documents
- Guideline: Management of Intellectual Property purchased and created by the Department of Health
- Guideline: Moral Rights

7. Definitions

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