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[Don Chalmers](#) is Distinguished Professor at the University of Tasmania and in the Centre for Law and Genetics. He is a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences.

In 2010, he received the NHMRC Ethics Award, the Distinguished Service Medal, University of Tasmania and the Australian Red Cross Distinguished Service Award.

His major research interests focus on medical research ethics and the regulatory aspects of human genetics. He has been chief investigator on Australian Research Council discovery grants, with colleagues on the legal, ethical and governance implications of genetics, particularly commercialisation, biobanking and personalised medicine and on an NHMRC program grant on cancer genetics. He has published in health law and genetics, research ethics and law reform criminal law, legal studies trusts, authored a number of government and Law Reform Commissioner reports and made regular submissions to government enquiries. Throughout his career, he has been involved in teaching, administration and served on many State, national and international committees..

Nationally, he is a member of the Board of the National Centre for Indigenous Genomics. He was Chair of the NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee 1994 – 2000 during which time he worked with the ARC and learned academies to publish the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research involving Humans*. He has also been Deputy Chair NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee 2002-12 and a member of the NHMRC Human Genetics Advisory Committee 2006-09. He was Chair of the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee 2002-2012, a member of the Advisory Council, Organ and Tissue Authority 2008-12, the Board of the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Council, 2008-11, the Board of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, 1998-2006 and of the Commonwealth Biotechnology Advisory Council, 1999-2002. He was Chair of the Australian Red Cross Ethics Committee 2000 -2010; consultant to the ALRC Report on the genetic privacy 2001-2003 and Chair of the Australian Institute of Health, Law and Ethics from 2002-2005.

Internationally, he chairs the Data Access Committee of the International Cancer Genome Consortium and is a member of the Human Genome Organisation Ethics Committee and the Global Alliance for Genomic Health. He was a member of the International Scientific Review Panels of Genome Canada from 2004 to 2009. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law of the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

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