



Natalie Walker, PhD

Professor Walker's 30-year public health research career started in New Zealand (NZ) in environmental and infectious disease epidemiology, then moved into cardiovascular epidemiology. She has been the recipient of three NZ post-graduate fellowships: a Health Research Council Training Fellowship, a Heart Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, and a Heart Foundation Douglas Senior Fellowship in Heart Health (Prevention). Although her research has spanned from preclinical research through to policy, her main area of focus is identifying affordable, practical, and scalable interventions (appropriate to local conditions and with a strong equity focus) to improve health and wellbeing. A leading modifiable risk factor for many health conditions is tobacco use. Over time Natalie has developed a methodological focus on the conduct of large, pragmatic, phase III, community-based, smoking cessation trials, specifically designed to inform treatment guidelines and tobacco control policy.

Her interest in addressing tobacco use led her to join SRNT in 2009, where she has welcomed the robust discussion, collegiality, and friendships formed. She has held various roles with the Society, including conference program co-chair, program chair, membership of the SRNT Oceania chapter (including inaugural Board member) and Europe chapter, membership of the SRNT nominations committee, network membership, student mentor, Dean of the SRNT online university, Chair of the SRNT Education Division, abstract reviewer for the Annual Meeting, and more recently - member of the Annual Meeting Childcare Task Force. She is also an Associate Editor (former senior editor) for the Society's journal - *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. Natalie was made an SRNT Fellow in 2018 in recognition of her contributions to the field of nicotine and tobacco research. Earlier this year she moved to Adelaide, Australia, where she is the new Director of the Flinders University Clinical Trials Group. She continues her tobacco control research activities in the Oceania region, and is always open to international collaborative opportunities.

## 2025/2026 SRNT Disclosure of Competing Interest Form

**Name:** Professor Natalie Walker

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Please provide the **name of all sources of funding or salary support** from any of the following sources **during the past 5 years**. Please write the name of the source in the box that best represents the type of funding received or the nature of your relationship. If you have no relationship in a given category, check the “No relationship” box.

| Type of Relationship                             | Commercial Tobacco Product Manufacturer | Nicotine Product (vape, chewable, etc.) Manufacturer | Pharmaceutical Company                          | Gov’t Agency                                        | Private Foundation | Advocacy or Public Health Organization | Any Other            |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| No Relationship                                  | X                                       |                                                      |                                                 |                                                     |                    | X                                      |                      |
| Full or Part Time Employment                     |                                         |                                                      |                                                 |                                                     |                    |                                        | UoA, Flinders Uni    |
| Consultancy <sup>1</sup>                         |                                         |                                                      |                                                 | HRC NZ                                              | ICER               |                                        | Hong Kong University |
| Honoraria <sup>2</sup>                           |                                         |                                                      |                                                 |                                                     |                    |                                        |                      |
| Research grant, or contract                      |                                         |                                                      |                                                 | NHMRC, HRC NZ, NZ Govt, NIH, USA, SA Govt, NCI USA. |                    |                                        | UoA, Flinders Uni    |
| Ownership of stock shares or equity <sup>3</sup> |                                         |                                                      |                                                 |                                                     |                    |                                        |                      |
| Paid expert testimony                            |                                         |                                                      |                                                 |                                                     |                    |                                        |                      |
| Patent                                           |                                         |                                                      |                                                 |                                                     |                    |                                        |                      |
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