**MAX 1,500 CHARACTERS (200 WORDS)**

**A5 National Interest Test Statement**

**The National Interest Test Statement needs to address the following questions (200 word limit):**

1. What is the project about and what research gap is it addressing for Australia?
2. How could the research benefit Australians (economically, socially, environmentally, commercially, or culturally)?
3. How might you promote your research outcomes beyond academia to maximise understanding, translation, use and adoption of the research in future?

**Additional information:**

See the ‘Instructions to Applicants’ for addressing the National Interest Test. Further information also available on the following ARC webpages:

* The National Interest Test Statement: <https://www.arc.gov.au/funding-research/national-interest-test-statement>
* How do I write a National Interest Test Statement: <https://www.arc.gov.au/funding-research/national-interest-test-statement/how-do-i-write-national-interest-test-statement>
* Frequently asked questions: <https://www.arc.gov.au/funding-research/national-interest-test-statement/national-interest-test-statement-frequently-asked-questions>
* Example National Interest Test Statements (Note: these are based on the original 4-question NIT Statement, however, it will give you a good idea of how to write it): <https://www.arc.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-11/DP23%20NIT%20Statements.pdf>

Note: the DVC-RI will need to certify that your National Interest Test Statement:

1. Addresses the three questions below;
2. Is written in plain English; and
3. Is directed towards the public audience.

The National Interest Test Statement will also be provided to assessors as an input to the peer review process.