



Screening Tool for Health Impact Assessment

Based on:

- *Screening Tool for Health Impact Assessment* Queensland Health HIA Framework Draft 20 February 2004
- *Seahorse HIA Planning & Report Writing Toolkit* Salim Vohra et al version 4 October 2003, adapted from a tool developed by Erica Ison.
- CHETRE Screening Checklist, HIA Training 2004

1. What is the proposal about?

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2. What is the context outlined for the proposal? (eg policy context, history)

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3. Does the proposal concern any of the following determinants?

Lifestyle	Yes/No
Physical environment	Yes/No
Social/economic environment	Yes/No
Capacity of the health system to impact on these determinants	Yes/No
Other, please specify	Yes/No

4. What are the assumptions embedded in or underpinning the proposal?

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5. Why does this proposal have potential to impact on health?

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What are the:

Potential positive impacts

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Potential negative impacts

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Intended consequences

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Possible unintended consequences

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6. Describe any information which identifies the nature and extent of the impacts on health for this type of proposal

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7. List the groups most likely to be affected by this proposal

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8. What are some of the potential equity issues?

Desirable

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Undesirable

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9. Checklist

Answers favouring doing a HIA	To your knowledge	Answers favouring not doing a HIA
	Health impacts	
Yes / not sure	Does the initiative affect health directly?	No
Yes / not sure	Does the initiative affect health indirectly?	No
Yes / not sure	Are there any potentially serious negative health impacts that you currently know of?	No
Yes / not sure	Is further investigation necessary because more information is required on the potential health impacts?	No
No	Are the potential health impacts well known and is it straightforward to suggest effective ways in which beneficial effects are maximised and harmful effects minimised?	Yes
No	Are the potential health impacts identified judged to be minor?	Yes
	Community	
Yes / not sure	Is the population affected by the initiative large?	No
Yes / not sure	Are there any socially excluded, vulnerable, disadvantaged groups likely to be affected?	No
Yes / not sure	Are there any community concerns about any potential health impacts?	No
	Initiative	
Yes / not sure	Is the size of the initiative large?	No
Yes / not sure	Is the cost of the initiative high?	No
Yes / not sure	Is the nature and extent of the disruption to the affected population likely to be major?	No
	Organisation	
Yes	Is the initiative a high priority/important for the organisation/partnership?	No
Yes	Is there potential to change the proposal?	No
For =	TOTAL	Against =

Checklist continued

Health Impact Statement	Type of HIA	Comprehensive
Yes	Is there only limited time in which to conduct the HIA?	No
Yes	Is there only limited opportunity to influence the decision?	No
Yes	Is the timeframe for the decision-making process set by external factors beyond your control?	No
Yes	Are there only very limited resources available to conduct the HIA?	No

External	Assessors	Internal
No	Do personnel in the organisation or partnership have the necessary skills and expertise to conduct the HIA?	Yes
No	Do personnel in the organisation or partnership have the time to conduct the HIA?	Yes

10. Is a HIA appropriate? Yes/No

Why or why not?

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If yes, what type and how?

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Recommendations/comments

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