

7. Other Considerations

7.1 Termination of Institutional Employment or Resignation Prior to Completing Inquiry or Investigation

The termination of the respondent's institutional employment, by resignation or otherwise, before or after an allegation of possible research misconduct has been reported, will not preclude or terminate the misconduct procedures. If the respondent, without admitting to the misconduct, elects to resign their position prior to the initiation of an inquiry, but after an allegation has been reported, or during an inquiry or investigation, the inquiry or investigation will proceed. If the respondent refuses to participate in the process after resignation, the Panel will use its best efforts to reach a conclusion concerning the allegations, noting in its report the respondent's failure to cooperate and its effect on the Panel's review of all the evidence.

7.2 Vexatious Allegations

The relevant official will determine whether the complainant's allegations of research misconduct were made in good faith. If an allegation was not made in good faith, disciplinary action may be taken against the complainant.

7.3 Record Retention

All material relating to the investigation should be retained according to the appropriate NSW Government regulation.

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