



# THE HUMAN VARIOME PROJECT

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## **1. Australian Government Funding**

We have now engaged our State/Government who have requested a model as to what the system might look like in 10 years so in the next weeks we will do this even though perhaps such a model may exist out there already. The Australian Government is currently considering the request.

Visits will be made to the MRC, Wellcome, NHGRI, NCBI, US Government Offices, Google and possibly Science in early Sept. to brief them on the project and how we might work together with them. Any ideas are welcome for these approaches.

## **2. Documentation**

Considerable documentation is needed for the above bodies and for the future. These will include an Initiation Business Plan for our State Govt. who we hope will fund the coordinating office, a Concept Business Plan to give an overview of what is to be done and how, Planning Group and Publicity received (see below).

## **3. Publicity Received**

The following have been published so far:

Science, 30 June 2006 **312**(5782) pp. 1857.  
Australian Life Scientist July/August 2006 pp. 6  
Bio-IT World, June 2006 pp. 16-18.

#### **4. Meeting Reports**

Meeting Reports are in preparation for *Nature Genetics* (Alastair Brown) and *Pharmacogenetics* (Ring et al).

#### **5. The Human Genome Variation Society, New Orleans meeting.**

The Human Variome Project and its relationship to the HGVS will be on the agenda both at the Board meeting (Oct. 8) and the Annual General Meeting (Oct. 9). We will try to organize a Human Variome Project Meeting the evening of Oct. 9 or Oct. 10 or 11. ([www.hgvs.org](http://www.hgvs.org))

#### **6. Community Curation**

One of the many points needing thought and discussion is how to have expert community curation of a central database which allows, cross searching etc. Pat Concannon raised this topic and Dick replied to him and plans to circulate the correspondence when Pat replies.