

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PROJECT H.A.1.

Professor Walsh has forwarded to me recently a letter from Dr. Peter Wise with the query whether it should be included in Project H.A.1.

I will appreciate your comments on this as soon as possible so that I can inform Professor Walsh of the Committee's decision.

R.L. KIRK,
Co-ordinator.

14 October 1969



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Director,
Australian Programme,
International Biological Programme,
Australian Academy of Science,
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600

Dear Sir,

While recently in London, I spoke with Professor Weiner about projected studies of diabetes prevalence in the Australian aboriginal.

Having returned to Australia recently, I have now completed a provisional study of diabetes prevalence in an urbanized community of 220 aboriginals living near Pt. Augusta, South Australia.

The study revealed a 10% known prevalence and a further 10% was discovered by routine glucose tolerance testing, yielding an overall prevalence of diabetes in this community of 20%. These figures are only approximate and evaluation by means of further biochemical studies may yield a larger number.

As I understand from Professor Weiner the International Biological Programme, although not strictly involved in this problem of diabetes, is interested in certain aspects of aboriginal adaptation and I am interested to know whether this work or any extensions of this work which we are likely to carry out will be of interest to you.

Further plans for extensions of this initial study are not completely formulated but clearly will involve a wider study of the urbanized aboriginal and a closer analysis of pre-disposed and precipitating factors. We will also clearly need to include a study of more rural aboriginals as yet in their primitive living conditions.

Trusting to hear from you in due course, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Peter Wise M.B., Ph.D.,
ENDOCRINOLOGIST, MRCP, MRACP.

Dr. Kirk... Bo. your work to include this & the 1st & 2nd studies of the Australian aboriginals. Would you please advise me?
PJW 22/8/69