

June 2017

Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA provided a number of funding submissions to continue to build the capacity of its members in 2017–18.

Advocacy and representation

- NADA met with NSW Primary Health Networks on a number of topics, including NGO contract management and reporting.
- The Australian AOD Peaks Network met several times, including with Minister Hunt's staff and the Department of Health Drug Strategy Branch in Canberra to discuss NGO funding, contract management, capacity building and reporting.
- NADA also met with Shadow Health Minister, Catherine King's staff to discuss national strategy, NGO funding and contract management.
- NADA represented the sector on a number of meetings with the NSW Ministry of Health relating to the drug package and NGO contract management.
- NADA is representing the sector on an evaluation of the Justice Health Connections Project through UTS.
- NADA participated in consultation processes with the Centre for Community Welfare Training and Open Colleges to help identify sector training needs and inform program development.
- We hosted a consultation forum by ARTD consultants who have been commissioned by the Ministry to prepare a report on the support for families and significant others impacted by substance use.

Sector development activity

- NADA has allocated funds for the July–December 2017 Workforce Development Grant Program to support professional development.
- A range of training workshops were held on topics that included: governance, working with women, complex trauma, methamphetamine, research, domestic violence, and best practice approaches to treatment.