

## September 2018

### Policy contributions and submissions

- NADA provided a brief submission to the National Tobacco Strategy consultation.
- NADA's input in to the Inquiry into the provision of drug rehabilitation in regional, rural and remote NSW has been included in the [final report](#). NADA has written to the Health Minister and the NSW Ministry of Health to discuss progressing the recommendations.
- Advice was provided to WentWest on their regional AOD plan.

### Advocacy and representation

- Consumers of AOD treatment services gave their voice to informing NADA's upcoming strategic plan, with eleven consumers informing NADA of their needs and best practice.
- The focus of the NSW Ministry of Health NGO Contracting Working over the next 12 months will be on the establishment of service level indicators. Members from each treatment group will be consulted on their development, with residential rehabilitation being the first focus.
- NADA attended the NSW PHN AOD Network meeting to discuss consistency regarding data and reporting. A working group will be established to further progress this.
- A number of enquiries have been made to the Department of Social Services regarding the changes Centrelink arrangements.
- NADA has responded to requests from members regarding concerns with Prime Minister and Cabinet contracting arrangements.
- NADA made a significant contribution to the NSW Ministry of Health Families project – such as the tools for de-escalation and the families AOD services online hub.

### Sector development

- NADA held sector capacity building workshops on smoking cessation, family inclusive practice, NADAbase, research, and measuring impact.
- Additional modules have been added to the [Complex needs capable](#) eLearning course, as well as a module on the [Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment](#) (MERIT).
- The Reporting and Dashboard Design (RADD) Working Group has been established as part of the NADAbase Expansion Project.
- There has been a new [peer reviewed article](#) using NADAbase data in the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.