

December 2021

Policy and submissions

- NADA, in partnership with ACON, Family Planning NSW, MHCC and Women's Health NSW, wrote to Minister Hazzard requesting clarification over mandatory vaccination of healthcare workers.
- NADA put out a [media release](#) about the impact of COVID-19 on the sector, and called on the NSW Government to respond to the Special Commission of Inquiry in to the Drug 'Ice'. As a result, NADA CEO was interviewed on [ABC Newcastle Radio](#) (listen from 1:05:00). NADA was also mentioned in The Sydney Morning Herald article, ['Just as easy as before COVID': Cocaine's rising popularity during the pandemic](#).
- NADA wrote to the NSW Premier to seek a meeting to discuss the NSW Government's response to the Special Commission of Inquiry in to the Drug 'Ice' and the need for an AOD strategy in NSW.
- NADA consulted with members and the Advocacy Sub Committee to develop a submission to the Post-market review of opiate dependence treatment program (ODTP) medicines.
- NADA signed on to the NCOSS Health Equity Alliance [Climate Statement](#).

Advocacy and representation

- Key meetings: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), Department of Health, National Indigenous Australians Agency, Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council, AOD Peaks Network, NUAA, AIVL, NCOSS, MHCC, Health Justice Australia, Yfoundations, PARVAN and NSW/ACT PHN AOD Network.
- Ongoing meeting representation: NSW Ministry of Health [COVID-19 Clinical Council](#), NGO CoP and AOD CoP. DCJ Peaks and Partnerships weekly meeting
- NADA arranged for Justice Connect to host a [webinar](#) for NSW NGOs funded by NSW Health to understand the legal issues associated with the mandatory vaccination Public Health Order.
- NADA with the Department of Health and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to discuss the inclusion of gender and sexuality diversity in the NMDS, as well as NGO representation on AOD data governance structures.
- NADA, in partnership with Members from the HNECC PHN region have represented the sector regarding the implementation of Real Time Prescription Monitoring SafeScript NSW
- NADA continues to represent NGO AOD services on the National Alcohol and other Drug Workforce Development Strategy Project Advisory Group.
- NADA had a strong presence at this year's APSAD conference with NADA staff involved in 2 symposiums, 2 oral presentations and 4 poster presentations.
- NADA was invited to be part of panel discussions at both the INHSU Conference 2021 and the NDARC Symposium
- Ongoing roundtable meetings between NADA, NGO AOD services, MOH and DCJ child protection.

Information on NADA's policy and advocacy work, including Sector Watch and the meetings that NADA represents its members, is available on the NADA website [here](#).