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Policy and submissions

- Released a position paper on measuring the performance of NSW non-government AOD treatment services, and sent to all relevant funders.
- NADA CEO wrote an op-ed for Croakey calling on the incoming government to prioritise AOD policy and funding.
- Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council (AADC) on behalf of national peaks, has again written to Minister Mark Butler to raise key issues including quantum of core funding, indexation, contract length, national governance and implications of the foreshadowed statutory price reductions to ODTP medications.
- Provided a response to the 'Liquor Licencing Reform Options Discussion Paper'. Also contributed to a joint submission coordinated by FARE (Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education) on behalf of relevant peaks and other stakeholders.

Advocacy and representation

- NADA CEO met with the NSW/ACT PHN data network to discuss the Performance Measurement Study and implementation of the core set of indicators. NADA CEO presented on the study at the VAADA Conference and updated the MoH AOD NGO Reference group with plans now in place to bring all funders together to discuss implementation of indicators in future contracts.
- Provided input to a number of submissions, coordinated by AADC: NMHC stigma and discrimination reduction strategy, a pre-budget submission to Minister Butler on sector funding and capacity and the need for a national government framework, a Joint Committee on Law Enforcement inquiry submission and a TGA submission on proposed reforms to nicotine vaping products.
- Attended a NSW AOD Strategy Development Forum (Dept Premier and Cabinet), and the second roundtable meeting of the NSW AOD Peer Workforce Working Group.
- Represents the sector: NSW Ministry of Health COVID-19 Clinical Council Meeting. Department of Health and Aged Care, DSS Community Grants Hub, NUAA, FDS, AADC, State and Territory AOD Peaks Network, NCOSS, NCCRED, ACDAN, DACRIN, ADF, LGBTQI+ Health Alliance, Fams, Justice Connect and more.
- Meeting representation: DAPC, NGO AOD Reference Group, Stigma and Discrimination Steering Committee, NCOSS Health Equity Alliance; NGO AOD Specialist Women's Residential Services MOH & DCJ Roundtable meeting, AOD Treatment and Support Hubs Project Group, NSW Ministry of Health AOD Quality in Treatment, TAFE Industry Collaboration Reference Group Community Services Specialisation, NSW Ministry of Health CAOD Treatment and Support Hubs Project Group and more.

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](#).