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Policy and submissions

NADA provided input to a number of submissions and position statements that were coordinated by Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council (AADC). Access AADC submissions [here](#).

- Inquiry into the Perceptions and Status of Vocational Education and Training
- National Consumer Engagement Strategy for Health and Wellbeing
- AOD related stigma and discrimination

Advocacy and representation

- NADA attended a number of meetings related to the SCI implementation.
- NADA with AADC has represented members concerns regarding contracts and indexation to DoHA (incl. PHN commissioned services) and NIAA
- NADA held a member consultation to develop NADA's policy position and advocacy in preparation for the NSW Drug Summit.
- NADA participated as a Fair Treatment campaign member, in a Drug Summit Planning Session to determine the groups priorities on Summit structure, attendance, scope and outcomes.
- NADA held a member consultation on their needs for building a peer workforce.
- NADA was invited to present at the ATOD Policy Officers forum on the KPI study, which includes representation from DoHA and each jurisdictional health department.
- NADA worked with the Community Grants Hub on a pilot Activity Work Plan that incorporates the standardised KPIs an option for NADA members directly funded by DoHA.
- NADA hosted the Director, Addiction, Mental Health and Addiction, National Commissioning, Health New Zealand, who was interested in hearing about NADAbase, standardised KPIs and our practice guides.
- **NADA continues to represent the sector with key stakeholders:** NSW Ministry of Health; Department of Health and Aged Care; DSS Community Grants Hub; NIAA; PHNs; ACDAN; ADARRN; AADC; AOD Peaks Network; DACRIN; DPMP; Insight; Justice Connect; MHCC; NCOSS; NCETA; NDARC; NCCRED; QNADA; SANDAS; UQ, UoW and TAFENSW.
- **Ongoing meeting representation:** NSW Ministry of Health AOD NGO Reference Group; DAPC, QIT Sub Committee; ACI D&A Executive Committee; NSW Ministry of Health CAOD Treatment and Support Hubs Project Group; Project Advisory Group for the AOD Information Access and Support Model NSW Ministry of Health CAOD; AADC Members Council; AADC Policy Officers Network, CAOD Strategic Research & Evaluation Advisory Group; MoH CAOD Employee Value Proposition Project Advisory Group, CMHDARN Operations Meeting,
- **NADA staff presented at:** NCOSS NGO Researchers Forum; APSAD Symposium-The Translators: Research into Policy & Practice; NUAA Peer and Consumers Forum

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](#).