

## March 2024

### 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](#).
  - [2024-25 Pre-Budget Submission \(January 2024\)](#)
  - [Submission to the Blueprint Expert Advisory Group \(BERG\) Not-for-Profit Sector Development Blueprint consultation \(December 2023\)](#)
  - [Submission to the Australian National Audit Office's audit into the effectiveness of the Department of Health and Aged Care's performance management of the Primary Health Network \(PHN\) program \(December 2023\)](#)
- NADA have published a [Position Paper](#) on Vaping on the NADA website.

### Advocacy and representation

- A range of activities have been undertaken in relation to the Drug Summit
  - A Drug Summit Roundtable was held at NUAA, with key AOD sector representatives.
  - A meeting was held with DPMP, NUAA, Uniting Fair Treatment and NADA, clarifying the intent of bringing the sector together, ensure alignment and reduce the number of meetings.
  - Letters have been sent to 12 NSW Parliamentarians requesting briefings on our [Position](#) and meeting have occurred with Matt Kean (Shadow Health Minister), Roy Butler's office (Barwon), Dugald Saunders (Dubbo) and Adam Hall, Political Division Secretary, Health Services Union, with a number of others scheduled.
  - In order to clarify actioned recommendations from the Special Commission, and not duplicate this in Drug Summit, NADA have coordinated with DPMP to set up a register that can be shared with the sector to update so that we can be prepared: [Ice Inquiry Recommendations - Implementation to-date](#)
- Article by NADA CEO published in [Croakey Health Media](#) in February on changes to law for minor drug possession and NADA's position paper on the upcoming Drug Summit [here](#)
- NADA CEO met with DOHAC along with all AOD peak body representatives in Canberra. Discussed NGO AOD concerns and [AADC Pre-Budget Submission](#). A strategic approach to funding is required to ensure the sustainability of the sector.
- NADA CEO and Deputy CEO met with those Assisting the Special Commission of Inquiry into HealthCare Funding regarding our submission. They requested a copy of the [BAFM Position paper](#), and requested case examples of specific NGO funding and tendering concerns, such as true costs, contract duration and procurement processes.
- NADA CEO's EOI for the Secure Jobs and Funding Certainty Taskforce Leadership Group has been accepted by Minister Washington, which will position NADA's members views well to improve NSW Government NGO funding arrangements. The first meeting has been held which covers a range of policy recommendations such as longer terms contracts for NGOs funded by the NSW Government.
- NADA CEO has commenced a new role as Chair of the NCETA (Flinders Uni) Advisory Board and will be chairing a keynote panel at the [NCETA Symposium](#) on the AOD workforce.

- NADA CEO been appointed Deputy Chair of the Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council (AADC).
- **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; AIVL, NUAA, ACI, DACRIN; DPMP; Insight; MHCC; NCOSS; NCETA; NDARC; NCCRED; USyd Matilda Centre, UQ, UoW, TAFENSW, HumanAbility Jobs and Skills Council.
- **Ongoing meeting representation:** NSW Ministry of Health AOD NGO Reference Group; DAPC, QIT Sub Committee, CAOD Values Based Health Care Advisory Group, Living and Lived Experience Workforce Steering Committee and Expert Advisory Committee, ACI D&A Executive Committee; AADC Members Council; AADC Policy Officers Network, NCOSS FONGA; NCOSS Health Equity Alliance, NCETA Advisory Board, HumanAbility Community Services Industry Advisory Committee. CMHDARN Operations Meeting, CHMDARN Reference Group, MOH Clinical Care Standards Community of Practice, First Nations Strategic Partnerships Group, MoH Strategic Research and Evaluation Advisory Group, Secure Jobs and Funding Certainty Leadership Group.
- **NADA staff presented at:** Agency for Clinical Innovations (ACI) Innovation Forum, NCETA Symposium, Working with Men to End Family and Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence.

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](#).