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Policy and submissions

- National advocacy through Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council (AADC) has focussed on the prebudget submission and request to meet with Minister Butler regarding prioritisation of AOD policy and funding
- NADA provided input to a number of submissions coordinated by AADC, available here.
 - o Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Inquiry into Excess Mortality
 - o Submission to the National Autism Strategy
 - Submission to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024
 - o Submission to the Select Committee on Cost of Living
- NADA made a <u>submission</u> to the NSW Department of Customer Services on the Portable LSL and supported the <u>NCOSS submission</u>
- NADA contributed funds to support the updated <u>Australian Drug Budget 2021/2022</u>.

Advocacy and representation

- NADA continues to meet with NSW parliamentarians to discuss the NGO sectors position on the Summit: Minister Kate Washington, Jeremy Buckingham, The Western Sydney MPs via Greg Warren-Campbelltown.
- <u>Secure Jobs and Funding Certainty NSW Election Commitment</u>: The Secure Jobs and Funding Certainty Roadmap is being finalised to be presented to all NSW Ministers involved.
- 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; ATCA, NUAA, ACI,; DPMP; MHCC; NCOSS; FONGA; NCETA; USyd Matilda Centre, UQ, UoW,
 UNSW, 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, 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, VBHC Benchmarking Group & Clinical Care Standards Working Group, NSW Education in Addiction Advisory Committee, Naloxone State-wide Advisory Group, HMHA State Steering Committee, National Practice Standards Steering Committee, The Matilda Centre NSW Strategy for Young People's Health & Wellbeing 2025, Stigma & Discrimination Working Group, AODTS NMDS Working Group.
- NADA senior staff have attended with the COAD at the Clinical Care Standards Roadshow workshops across NSW.

The Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NADA) is the peak organisation for the non-government alcohol and other drugs sector in NSW. We represent 80 organisational members that provide services in over 100 locations across NSW. They provide a broad range of services including health promotion and harm reduction, early intervention, treatment and continuing care programs. Together, we improve the health and wellbeing of people who use, or have used, alcohol and other drugs across the NSW community.

• **NADA staff presented at:** AddictionZ Conference presentations and keynote interactive panel workshop, DPMP Symposium panel on The Australian Drug Budget 2021/2022 launch.

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 <u>here</u>.