

June 2025

Policy and submissions

- NADA put out two media releases in response to the NSW Drug Summit Report. Media was picked up by the ABC (radio and TV), 7 News, 2GB, and other online media outlets.
- Provided feedback on Draft Consultation Paper – NSW Strategy for Mental Health and Wellbeing.
- NADA provided NADABase data to KPMG to highlight outcomes delivered by members for the evaluation of the Commonwealth Drug and Alcohol Program (DAP).
- A letter was sent to Minister Butler to congratulate him on his re-appointment and confirm his priority on AOD policy.

Advocacy and representation

- Consultation by ACON on resource development for carers, friends & family of LGBTQ+ people using drugs.
- Meeting with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and the National Indigenous Australians Agency to provide an update on our work, key member issues, and KPI standardisation implementation. NADA has suggested a national process to develop a performance framework and review of overall AOD governance, as well as data governance structures.
- Participation in HumanAbility (Jobs and skills council) qualifications review consultations.
- Attended state and territory peak body focus group for the evaluation of the Commonwealth Drug and Alcohol Program (DAP).

NADA continues to represent the sector with key stakeholders:

NSW Ministry of Health; Department of Health and Aged Care; DSS Community Grants Hub; NSW Dept of Communities & Justice; NIAA; PHNs; ACDAN; ADARRN; AADC; AOD Peaks Network; NUAA, ACI, DPMP; DVNSW; NTV; MHCC; NCOSS; NCETA; DACRIN; USyd Matilda Centre, UQ, UoW, UNSW, TAFENSW.

Ongoing meeting representation:

NSW Ministry of Health AOD NGO Reference Group; NSW NGO Advisory Committee, DAPC, QIT Sub Committee, CAOD Values Based Health Care Advisory Group and working groups, Living and Lived Experience Workforce Steering Committee, ACI D&A Executive Committee; State and Territory AOD Peaks Network, AADC Members Council; AADC Policy Officers Network, NCOSS: FONGA, NCOSS Health Equity Alliance, MoH Strategic Research and Evaluation Advisory Group, MoH AOD Stigma and Discrimination Working Group, Clinical Care Standards Working Group, NSW MH Commission Advisory Committee for the NSW Strategy for Mental Health and Wellbeing, NSW Hepatitis C Strategy Implementation Group, Hep C Implementation Committee Meeting, HMHA State Steering Committee, NSW Education in Addiction Advisory Group, Take Home Naloxone Advisory Group, National Practice Standards Steering Committee, Advisory Group to inform development of resources for families and carers (Ministry), Humanability Industry Advisory Committee (Human Services), & Technical Committee MH & AOD, TAFE NSW Industry Collaboration Reference Group, AADC FASD AOD Workforce Capability Project Reference Group, NSW Ministry of Health OTP Guidelines Review.

NADA staff presented at NCETA Symposium 2025.

Peer-review papers: Deans, E., Economidis, G., Gates, P., Zocco, A., Stirling, R., Nathan, S., Hudson, S., Farnbach, S. (2025). A scoping review of program evaluations in non-profit alcohol and other drugs service settings: Considerations for service and research partnerships. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 112, 102614.
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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](#).