

POLICY, ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION REPORT
MARCH – APRIL 2010

Policy Priority Area	Activities
1 Sustainability and development of the non government drug and alcohol service system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendance at the National Drug Strategy Consultation roundtable in Sydney on 15 April 2010. ○ Preparation of a media release about the National Health reform on 16 April 2010 prior to the recent COAG meeting. ○ NADA hosted a meeting with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare regarding the Review of the AODTS National Minimum Data Set Consultation Paper on 19 April 2010. NADA also provided a written submission to this paper.
2 Consumer/service user participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparation of paper for the March NSW Health Drug and Alcohol Program Council on consumer participation with recommendations that NSW Health establish a Consumer Advisory Group with NUAA as co-chair and that NUAA become a member of the NSW Health Drug and Alcohol Program Council. ○ Preparation of response to NSW Health on the Discussion Paper for the development of a Drug and Alcohol Consumer Subcommittee.
3 Health promotion, prevention and early intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparation of proposal to NSW Health for NGO sector management of the Community Engagement and Action Program. The proposal has been developed based on consultation with the NADA Board, Health Promotion Subcommittee and NGOs currently and previously involved with a local Community Drug Action Team. ○ Participation in NSW Health Drug and Alcohol Workforce Development Seminar, with representation from NADA and two member organisations.
4 Aboriginal health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participation in consultation process with a consultant engaged by NSW Health MHDAO on a project proposal to establish enhanced mental health and drug and alcohol service delivery to NSW Aboriginal mothers and their families. Consultation focussed on the Aboriginal Traineeship component of the project. ○ Participation in the consultation process for the NSW Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment Plan 2010 – 2014. ○ Brief presentation provided to the NSW Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network on 22 April 2010 about NADA's support activities.
5 Mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participation in roundtable discussion with state and territory AOD peaks and Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) regarding the

	<p>sustainability and evaluation of the Improved Services Initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparation of draft expression of interest and consultant briefing documents for the development of an evaluation framework for the Improved Services Initiative. ○ Hosting of the reformed NGO Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Collaboration Group to explore opportunities from collaboration with the Mental Health Coordinating Council. ○ Preparation of a Letter of Support for GP NSW’s proposal to NSW Health and DoHA for the 3 T’s Project: Treatment, Training and Transferring Knowledge. The proposal would see clinical placements in NGO services.
6 Sector and Workforce Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended NCOSS Sector Development Forum on 21 April 2010. This meeting provided an update on the Modern Award and the new Associations Incorporations Act draft regulations. ○ Participation in first national teleconference convened by NCETA regarding drug and alcohol workforce development strategic directions. The purpose of the teleconference is to bring together key stakeholders in the D&A field to discuss workforce development with a particular focus on minimum qualifications and workforce profiling.
7 Child protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendance at Keep Them Safe non government sector consultation session facilitated by KPMG on 15 March 2010.
8 Other Drug and Alcohol Policy Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NSW representation on the Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia’s (ADCA) national Policy Forum on 16 April 2010. Reviewed and contributed to ADCA Alcohol Policy Position papers. NADA supports ADCAs recommendations for government to amend current alcohol taxation and pricing, for alcohol to be exempt from the National Competition Policy and that alcohol advertising and marketing be federally regulated. ○ Reviewed and contributed to the ADCA Inhalant Policy Position paper. NADA supports ADCA’s recommendations outlined in the paper.
9 Other issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed and developed a summary for the NADA membership on Fair Work Australia and Workplace Legislation Changes affecting employers and employees under the Social and Community Services (SACS) Award.