

POLICY, ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION REPORT
MAY – JUNE 2010

Current Policy Priorities	Activities
<p>1 Sustainability and development of the non government drug and alcohol service system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NADA has provided input into NSW Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office planning processes for transition to new arrangements under health reform as a member of the NSW Health D&A Program Council. ○ NADA attended a meeting of the NSW Health NGO Review Reference Group on 2 June 2010 and has provided comments on a draft version of this report (the final report is still to be released). ○ NADA attended a briefing on the National Health Reform on 11 June 2010 at which representatives from both NSW Health and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing spoke.
<p>2 Health promotion, prevention and early intervention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NADA Proposal for NGO sector management of Community Engagement and Action Program discussed at D&A council in May. The Council have agreed in principle to proposal, pending Ministerial approval. ○ NADA attended the Sydney consultation for the NSW Health Drug and Alcohol Health Promotion Plan 2010-2015 on 15 June 2010
<p>3 Aboriginal health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NADA, in partnership with the State Coordinator of NSW Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Traineeship Program, presented at the inaugural National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference held in Adelaide on 16-18 June 2010. The presentation focussed on the establishment and current implementation of the NGO Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Traineeship Program in the NSW NGO sector and the expansion of the program to NSW area health services.
<p>4 Mental health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NADA hosted NGO Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Collaboration Group on 11 May to explore opportunities for collaboration with the Mental Health Coordinating Council.
<p>5 Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The NGO Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Research Network was approved by the Minister. The Research Network is funded for three years and is a partnership project between NADA and MHCC. ○ NSW Health MHDAO Research Subcommittee met on 17 June to

	review terms of reference, workplan, membership and research framework.
6 NGO reporting and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NADA has commenced work with the MHDAO on reviewing grants administration and performance reporting for D&A NGOs. ○ NADA has participated in the evaluation process for the NGOTGP – a teleconference with other State peaks on 3 June 2010 and NADA was interviewed by evaluation consultants on 24 June 2010.
7 Other activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NADA attended and presented at Building the Agenda – The First National Forum on Safety and Quality in Primary and Community Health on 10 May ○ NADA attended the NCOSS Sector Development Forum on 16 June 2010 at which Sylvia Hale, a current Greens MP spoke about the Greens’ social equity policy. ○ NADA was invited to participate in a consultation convened by VAADA on health reform and Victorian D&A sector on 30 June 2010. ○ NADA was invited to present at the SWAHS NGO forum on health reform and workplace legislation changes on 30 June 2010.